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# MEN OF HISTORIC REARGUARD

## SOVIET MAKING A DEAL

The Soviet Army has begun its Spring manoeuvres with a considerable concentration of troops in the region of Tashkent, near the frontier of Iran, according to a despatch from the "New York Times". Ankara correspondent quoted by Ankara radio last night.

The correspondent cites diplomatic reports in Ankara as indicating that Russia and Germany "would appear to be arranging some sort of joint action in the Middle East."

He specifically mentions reports of negotiations for the use by Germany of Russian ships on the Black Sea to transport war materials to Russian ports for transit to Iran and Iraq.—Reuter.

## Duke Of Aosta's Message

The Duke of Aosta and Mussolini exchanged messages before the surrender of Amba Alagi.

The Duke of Aosta, after showing surrender was no longer avoidable, said, according to Rome radio: "I am comforted in this tragic and sad moment with the certainty of having done all that was humanly possible."

"But the war is not finished. Soon we shall return to these lands once more, drenched with Italian blood for the glory of our country."

The Duke replied: "You and your soldiers have fought heroically. The Italian people have followed your stand with admiration and share your certainty for the future." — Reuter.

## Vichy Pleased

The Franco-German negotiations continue to make "satisfactory progress," it was officially announced in Vichy according to the German news agency last night.

Permission to enter the occupied northern and western areas is to be granted to officials and leaders of industrial and agricultural concerns provided their presence is essential for administrative and economic purposes.

A scheme for the repatriation

# LAND IN CYPRUS

## Thrilling Escape Of Remnants Of Force Revealed

### ROOSEVELT TO ASK CONGRESS FOR DECISION?

According to reports circulating in Washington yesterday President Roosevelt has discussed with legislative leaders the possibility that he will soon send to Congress a special message on foreign affairs, says Reuter.

IT IS NOW POSSIBLE TO REVEAL THAT A PARTY OF IMPERIAL TROOPS WHO WERE REMNANTS OF THE HISTORIC REARGUARD AT MOUNT OLYMPUS, IN RAGS, SOME OF THEM ILL AND WOUNDED, HAVE REACHED THE SHORES OF CYPRUS AFTER MOST ASTONISHING ESCAPES AMONG THE GREEK AEGEAN ISLANDS.

They tell stories of desperate resistance against impossible odds, when Nazi 'planes, tanks and infantry, in massed assaults, tried to smash their line.

One Anzac said: "The Germans came on like men possessed and determined to be slaughtered. We mowed them down like flies."

"ONE RIVER WHERE WE MADE A STAND WAS SO CHOKED WITH GERMAN BODIES YOU COULD WALK ACROSS."

"Man for man we were better than the Germans, but although our artillery was magnificent we had not swarms of tanks and 'planes, which was the real secret of the German success."

When eventually the tanks broke their lines, these men began to march to the coast, rations exhausted, without blankets and with most of their equipment discarded. Day and night they trudged on.—Reuter.

## SPITFIRE PILOTS MAKE HAY

Four Spitfires patrolling over the Channel yesterday afternoon encountered 10 Messerschmidt fighters, shot down five of them in as many minutes without loss to themselves and then, with ammunition spent, raced home safely though pursued by over 30 other Messerschmidts.

Two of the Spitfire pilots got two each and the third got one, says the Air Ministry news service.

Only one German had time to bale out, the others crashing into the sea in their machines. "It was grand," said one pilot, "but I could not stay long, for as soon as I had got my two, I saw about 25 other 'yellow noses' (Messerschmidts) going at us and I had no more ammunition." — Reuter.

## TAXATION DOUBLED

Addressing the London Chamber of Commerce, the Financial Secretary to the Treasury, said that the increase in taxation since the autumn of 1939 involved £788,000,000.

That was more than the annual average of the whole taxation revenue for ten years. — Reuter.

## VICHY'S BETRAYAL DISAVOWED BY GEN. DE GAULLE

A COMPLETE DISAVOWAL of "agreements" between the Vichy Government and Germany is contained in a declaration by General de Gaulle to the British Government and the chiefs of Allied Governments in London.

It states that the Vichy "government" has placed itself in a position which deprives itself of all independence with regard to the invader.

The source of the Vichy so-called government lies exclusively in the person of an old man who for many years had been known to be enfeebled by age.

The declaration continues: "Firstly France cannot and must not be held responsible for acts supposedly committed in her name by rulers who usurped power and subjected themselves to the enemy."

"Secondly the French nation is continuing the war by means of all her military forces and territories outside enemy control, and should therefore be considered a belligerent nation by all states and as an ally by those who fight the common enemies." — Reuter.

of certain categories of prisoners of war is at present under consideration.—Reuter.

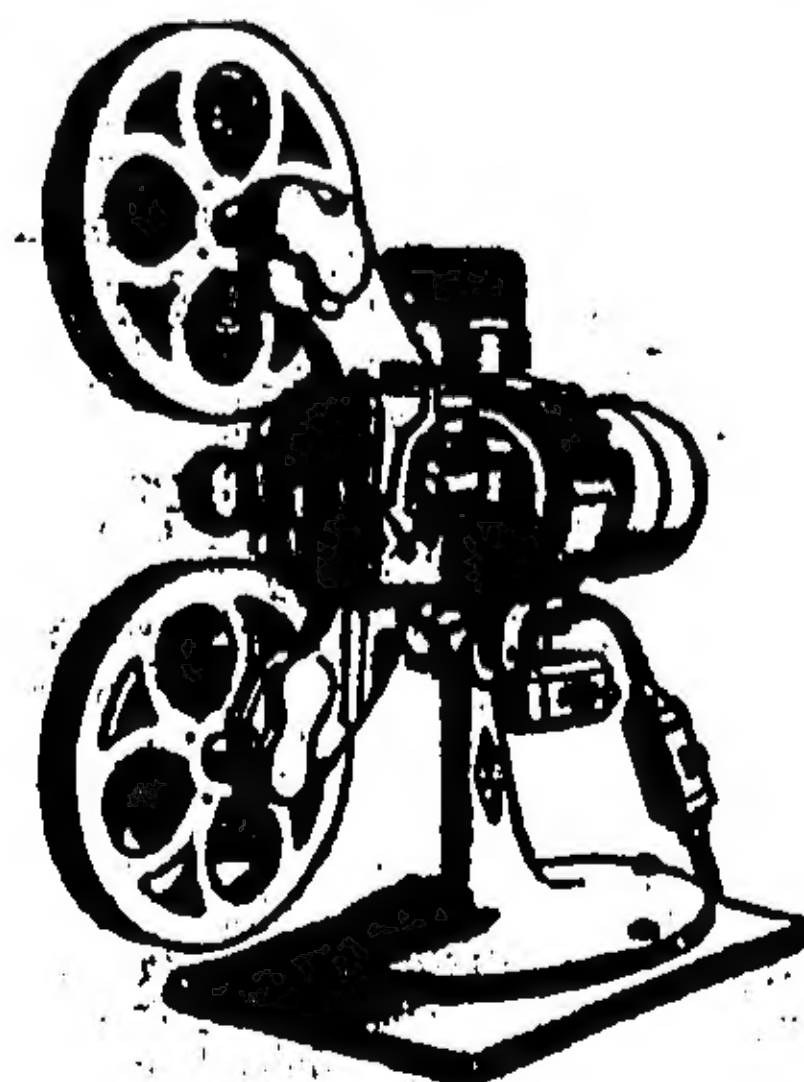
## The Zamzam Disaster

IT WAS DECLARED IN TORONTO YESTERDAY THAT AT LEAST 23 CANADIANS WERE ON BOARD THE STEAMER "ZAMZAM," LOST WHILE CARRYING A BRITISH-AMERICAN AMBULANCE UNIT.—REUTER.

## AMERICAN NAVAL PROGRAMME

The U.S. House of Representatives yesterday passed and transmitted to the Senate a Bill authorising the construction of about 680 naval auxiliaries totalling 680,000 tons at an estimated cost of \$350,000,000.—Reuter.

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# DOSE OF OWN MEDICINE

## R.A.F. Pounds Away At Nazis In Libya

### Tanks Put Out Of Action

A LARGE FORMATION of R.A.F. and South African aircraft carried out attacks on enemy tanks between Fort Capuzzo and Hali-faya "Hellfire" Pass on Sunday, according to yesterday's R.A.F. communique in Cairo.

A number of tanks were put out of action and serious damage inflicted on many more transport vehicles.

British fighters made extensive patrols but no decisive engagements with the enemy resulted.

During the night of Friday/Saturday aerodromes at Menstia and Birehleta were raided, and Benghazi and Derna were also attacked on the following night by British bombers.

Full details of these operations are not yet available but it is known that considerable damage was caused.

During operations over Tobruk three German dive-bombers were shot down by A.A. fire.

In Abyssinia, British aircraft continue to assist the troops in mopping up operations. Attacks are mainly confined to enemy motor transport retreating along the roads.

#### Syria Bombings

In Syria, bombing attacks were made on Palmyra aerodrome, where one large German transport aircraft and one Heinkel III were destroyed by fire.

German aircraft on Damascus aerodrome and at Rayak were also bombed and machine-gunned.

Raiders were also made on Ras-chid aerodrome, in Iraq.

#### Raid On Rhodes

A number of fires were started at Calato aerodrome, on the island of Rhodes, as a result of a raid carried out on Saturday night.

During enemy attacks on Allied aerodromes in Crete, one Dornier 17 and another unidentified aircraft were shot down by A.A. guns.

From all these operations one British aircraft is missing, Reuter.

### LICENCE PUZZLE

Sir, — There are many questions which I would like to ask and would appreciate answers (if any):

(a) Why is it that some Export Licences are held back for over a period of sometimes a week, when others, which are for the same destination, are signed on the same day? Maybe the staff could enlighten us.

(b) Why is it that they refuse to give an explanation why some Licences are refused? Haven't we got a right to know? Aren't we tax-paying citizens?

(c) Why don't they employ competent men who know right away the nature of the application without enquiring from the Exporters, (after a delay of five or six days, whether intentional or not, I do not know).

(d) Why do they insist on exact date of departure of the steamers when they know that it is against the Regulations for any shipping company to impart such information?

(e) Why do they insist on any applications for alteration in the Licence Form to be made within 7 days from the date of application when they do not return same till 10 or 12 days later?

(f) Why do Civil Servants insist on being in civil?

"EASY MONEY."

### SEEKING HARMONY IN DACCA

During his visit, the Home Minister of the Government of Bengal invited suggestions from members of the Central Peace Committee and other prominent people for the restoration of communal harmony in Dacca.—Reuter.

## JAPAN AIDS AXIS INTRIGUES

A sensational story of how Japan has been assisting Axis intrigues in the Middle East is reported in the "News-Chronicle" by Mr. Gedye, well-known ex-"Daily Telegraph" correspondent in Central Europe.

In the underground campaign throughout the Moslem countries in the Middle East inciting the Moslems to a Jihad, Gedye reveals, the Japanese Consul in Beirut, who is a Japanese Moslem graduate of the famous Al-Azhar University, Cairo, and who speaks fluent Arabic, has been assiduously distributing propaganda urging "Asia for the Asiatics."

The Japanese, Gedye alleges, have been allowing German and Italian espionage organisations to use Japanese diplomatic bags.

Central News.

### RAIDER CHASED FROM 11,000 TO 50 FEET

Bright sunshine reflected on the water and a low haze prevented two sergeant pilots of the R.A.F. Fighter Command from seeing the fate of a Heinkel III bomber which they recently attacked off the South Devon coast.

Before the enemy was lost, however, the sergeants had set part of the machine ablaze.

Patroling in their Hurricanes, the sergeants intercepted the enemy raider at 11,000 feet some 12 miles from the coast. The bomber turned into the sun, but the German pilot was not quite quick enough for, diving at about 350 m.p.h., the leading sergeant attacked at 300 yards range.

"I then closed to 200 yards," he said afterwards, "and gave a burst of about 10 seconds. Part of the plane caught fire and was still burning fiercely when I broke away. I was then about 50 feet above the water."

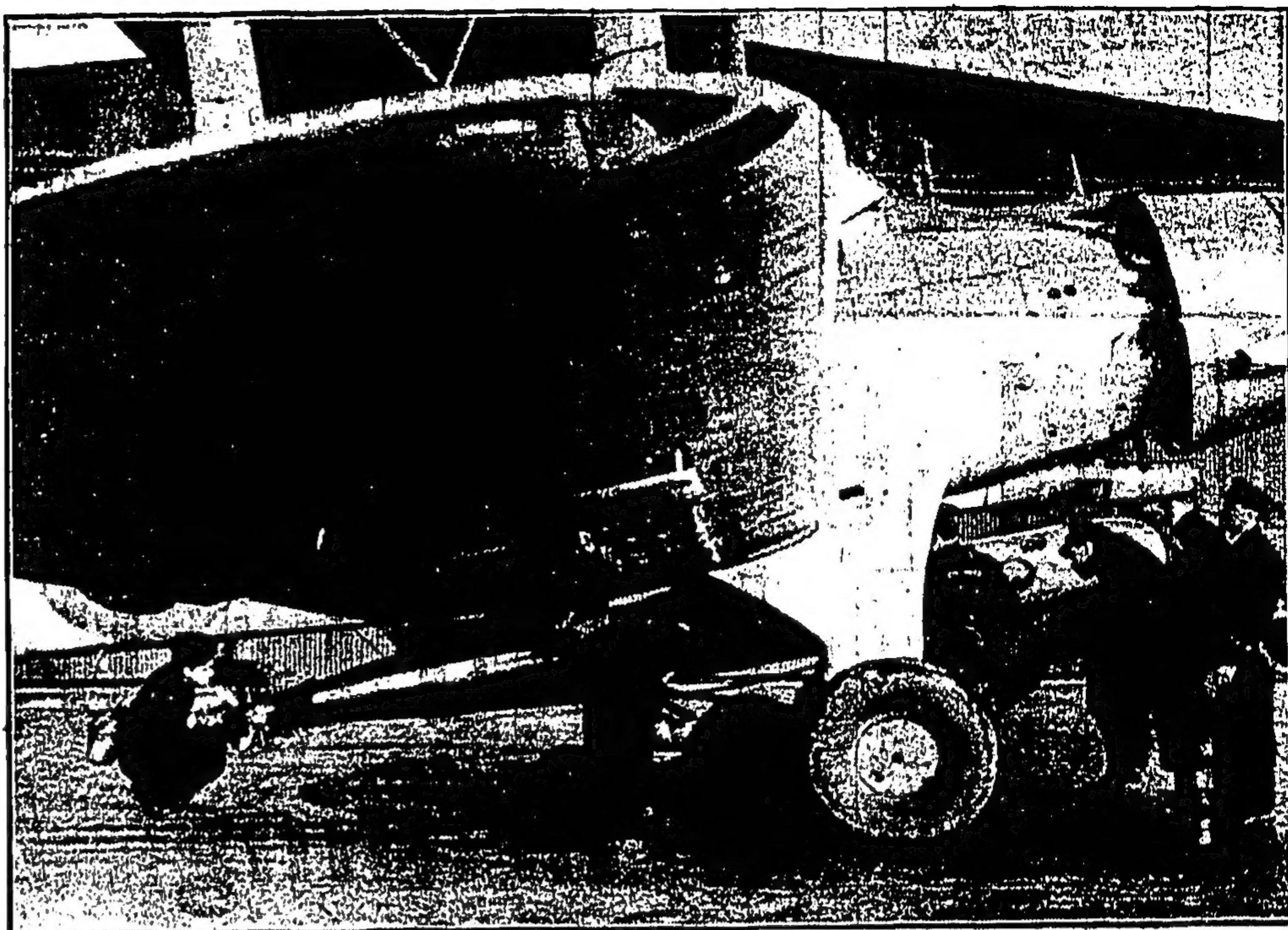
The other pilot fired a four-second burst at the enemy before breaking away. The Heinkel's rear gunner made a spirited return fire.

### GIRL WITH BROKEN JAW: MAN CHARGED

A man accused of causing bodily harm to a young woman found unconscious with a broken jaw, was stated to have had the knuckles of his right hand damaged.

This was alleged at Littlehampton, when Driver Jim John Black was remanded in custody.

The superintendent said that the girl, Miss Rose Helen Blackman, of Binsted, who was found injured in a dark lane, was still in hospital.



Loading a torpedo on to an "Albacore," the Navy's latest torpedo-carrying aircraft. This pilot is watching the torpedo being loaded before taking off for a dummy attack on a target ship.

### RASCHID ENVOY TALKS WITH IBN SAUD

Raschid Ali's Finance Minister has already had two interviews with King Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia and has extended his stay in Saudi Arabia by 48 hours, according to a Baghdad message to Vichy yesterday quoted by Reuter.

## GERMAN STEAMER MYSTERY

The mystery of the whereabouts of the German freighter "Lech" (3,290 tons) which left Rio de Janeiro on April 28, has deepened following a report made by officers of the Brazilian vessel "Pirangy."

When the "Pirangy" arrived in Rio on Monday, an officer who was on the bridge on the night of May 4 declared that off Abrolhos, south of Bahia, he saw several ship's boats in which sailors made signals with lights. The officer was unable to identify the boats.

The same night the wireless operator of the "Pirangy" deciphered an SOS from the German freighter "Lech" addressed to Bahia radio station. It is recalled that reports circulating a fortnight ago asserted that the "Lech" had been intercepted by a British auxiliary off Bahia and scuttled herself. These reports were not substantiated.—Reuter.

#### CARRYING ON

The Indian population of Eritrea have not suffered casualties on account of the war, according to an Indian businessman just returned to Karachi, says Reuter.

## HIGH CONFIDENCE OF EMPIRE TROOPS IN MIDDLE EAST

"VISITING THE NEW ZEALAND, Australian and British troops, I found them all convinced they can face and smash anything the Totalitarian troops can bring against them," Mr. Peter Fraser, Prime Minister of New Zealand, declared at a Press interview in Cairo yesterday.

Questioned about the Pacific, Mr. Fraser said that New Zealand wanted peace but was prepared to stand up against aggression there, as in the Middle East or Britain, and for that purpose would, if necessary, use all her manpower and resources.

"We must hope for the best but prepare for the worst," he said, emphasising that the Japanese have shown no personal animosity against the Australians and the New Zealanders.

Discussing the events in Greece, Mr. Fraser said that no matter has been more thoroughly discussed with the Dominions than the expedition in Greece.

He added: "I feel the right thing was done."

"To have deserted Greece, it would have been like deserting a friend."

"No military advance would be compensated for the disgrace in leaving the comrades without some effort to help them."

#### Perfect Unity

Mr. Fraser said that General Freyberg, V.C., commanding the New Zealanders, told him he had never thought that they would succeed during the retreat crossing the Corinth Canal.

They had a most difficult task in covering the retreating British Imperial Forces and showed throughout perfect unity and initiative.—Reuter.

### SMALL TRADING ON STOCK MARKET

Turnover on the London Stock Exchange yesterday was small, with price movements confined to narrow limits. Gilt-edged were easier on the switchover of interest towards the London war savings campaign. Foreign bonds were steady except for Spanish 4 per cents which lost 2½ to 22½. Home rails recorded useful gains. Industrials featured improvements in iron and steel, shipbuilding and textiles. Wall Street was dull but steady.—Reuter.

## ONLY ONE FAULT

A nice, commodious brick shelter stands in a road at South Harrow, Middlesex.

It has only one fault—it has been built so that a telegraph pole stands in the middle of its only entrance.

To get in—or out—people must squeeze between pole and wall, scraping their clothes on the bricks in the manoeuvre. Only one person can get in or out at a time.

What might happen in event of panic hardly bears thinking about.

"I'm afraid someone has made a bad blunder," said an official of Harrow Urban District Council when a reporter pointed out the shelter's uselessness.

"Originally this type of shelter had two entrances. But we decided this didn't afford sufficient protection against blast and splinters, so we ordered one of the entrances to be bricked up."

"Some thoughtless people did the rest—and bricked up the useful entrance!"

### LUNCHEON TO THAI'S MINISTER

In honour of the Thai Minister in London a luncheon was given yesterday by Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs.

The guests included Lord Cranborne, Lady Ravensdale, Sir Sydney Muspratt, Mr. and Mrs. Ashley Clarke and Mr. Henry Channon.—Reuter.



# Duke Of Aosta Surrendering Personally At Noon To-Day

## Clean-Up At Other Sectors Now Beginning

THE DUKE OF AOSTA himself will surrender at noon to-day with his staff officers, it was announced in London yesterday in connection with the Viceroy of Abyssinia's handing over of Amba Alagi to the British Imperial forces.

Units of the Sudan Defence Force have occupied an important sector in the Gondar area and in south Abyssinia have captured an important road junction. Eight hundred prisoners were taken including colonels and staff officers.

It is too early yet to say whether the Duke of Aosta's surrender will lead to the end of the Abyssinian campaign, it was stated in military circles in Cairo last night.

It was pointed out that there are approximately two Italian divisions concentrated at Jimma and the same number at Gondar, and with the help of the rains these may hold out until the end of the rains.

On the other hand, when they receive the news of the Duke of Aosta's surrender, they may decide to throw in their hands.

However, military circles stated that in a few days they would be better able to gauge the effect of the capture of Amba Alagi, in which South Africans, Indians, Sudan Defence Force, Patriots and British troops participated.

Importance of the capture of the important road junction of Dalle was stressed.

### Escape Cut Off

Only reasonable chance for the two Italian divisions concentrated in Jimma and the lake district to escape has thereby been cut off, unless they take to the bush.

However, the Italians now have a particular aversion to the bush owing to the terror of the Patriot forces, who are now lurking there.

Nevertheless this district is nearly the size of England and it may make some time to crush enemy resistance unless they follow the Viceroy's example and throw up the sponge.

Dealing with the German rally from Fort Capuzzo, military circles said that the R.A.F. gave them a taste of their own medicine with a large dose of dive-bombing.

A German attempt with two columns to force Hell Fire Pass was unsuccessful and the Germans again recuperate their losses in the now much trampled Sollum area.—Reuter.

### "600TH" SOUVENIR

A TRANSPARENT SIGNET RING MADE FROM THE WIND-SCREEN OF A ME.109, IS NOW WORN BY THE SPITFIRE PILOT WHO HELPED SHOOT DOWN A GERMAN FIGHTER, AND IN SO DOING BROUGHT HIS STATION'S "BAG" TO 600.

The Me. 109 crashed near the coast. The flight sergeant engaged on maintenance, who is a skilled handicraft worker cut a piece an inch square from the Messerschmidt's windscreen, which was about half an inch thick. He bored a hole with a red hot poker, then carved the hole to fit the pilot's finger.

The pilot, who was awarded the D.S.O. soon after the shooting down of the Nazi, has had the motto "600th" carved on the inside of the ring.

## "FEATHERED SPITFIRES"

Specially trained homing pigeons are being used in increasing numbers by the Royal Air Force as an emergency means of communication. Through the National Pigeon Service many hundreds of birds have been bred for work with Britain's bombers and reconnaissance aircraft. Some of these birds have put up wonderfully fast times with their messages, often flying against unfavourable weather conditions.

As a rule the speed of a single pigeon, or two flying together, is much lower than that recorded by the winner of a mass liberated race, even under similar conditions of weather. But some R.A.F. birds, flying singly from aircraft, have put up near-championship times. The fastest flight recorded so far in the present war by a "feathered Spitfire" of the R.A.F. was at a speed of 68.7 m.p.h.

Other birds have distinguished themselves more by endurance than speed. Such was the flight made recently by an R.A.F. pigeon, flying in a gale, and covering 173 miles at an average speed of just over 20 m.p.h.

## U.S. AND FRENCH COLONIES

THE U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE, MR. CORDELL HULL, TOLD HIS PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY THAT NO CONSULTATIONS WERE PROCEEDING WITH OTHER AMERICAN REPUBLICS REGARDING THE QUESTION OF OCCUPYING FRENCH POSSESSIONS IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE.

Mr. Hull added that despite the critical views in Washington regarding Vichy's "collaboration" with Germany, the United States was keeping in mind that Martinique might need foodstuffs and other supplies.—Reuter.

### U.S. VOLUNTEER AIRMEN STORY

Brigadier-General Claggett, Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. Air Force in the Philippines, who is at present in Chungking, yesterday denied any knowledge that American volunteers were coming to China to join the air force.—Reuter.

### SHANGHAI TRAGEDY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") A trolley-bus burst into flames in Shanghai yesterday and as a result four passengers died and over 10 were admitted to hospital with severe burns.—Our Own Correspondent.

## GERMANS USED U.S. FIGHTERS

Pilots of a Spitfire squadron of Fighter Command were particularly interested in the recent news that American aircraft flown by British naval pilots, had brought down a German raider. It brought back memories of fights which they had last summer—with American-built aeroplanes as their opponents.

Among the booty taken by the Germans when France capitulated was a number of American planes. Some were Chance Vought 156 dive-bombers, others Curtiss Hawk fighters. Both types were used in small numbers by the Germans in their big raids on shipping in the English Channel. But their handling by their Nazi "owners" did them less than justice.

Chance Voughts were first sighted one July morning by a sergeant pilot. He was attacking an Me. 109 when he saw three aircraft about 2,000 feet below him. They looked he said, like Blackburn Roc's, but they were silver underneath and slightly darker on top. They had black crosses on the fuselage and wings. That was enough for the sergeant. He wheeled round and attacked them. He fired one long burst and saw pieces falling away from one of them. He closed to 300 yards and the enemy plane fell away in a spin. It was later confirmed as destroyed.

In the afternoon a Flight Lieutenant of the same squadron, after dealing with an Me. 109, fired at another Chance Vought which he considers was probably destroyed.

About a month later a Curtiss Hawk was engaged over the Channel by a pilot of another Spitfire squadron. The "American" fighter staggered away, the Nazi pilot apparently having lost control.

British fighter pilots are glad that American fighters are now available to us. Somehow, it went against the grain to shoot them down, but when they were on the "other side" it was a job which had to be done.

## TWO YEARS 'LENIENT'

Maximum sentence of two years imprisonment, passed on a 73s. a week Passport Office clerk who pleaded guilty to forging a passport, was described by Mr. Justice Tucker at the Old Bailey as totally inadequate for the offence.

The prisoner, George William Goddard, fifty-six, of Baldwin-crescent, Camberwell, also pleaded guilty to conspiring to forge a passport and to having in his possession a document so closely representing an exit permit as to be calculated to deceive.

Israel Heisler, thirty-four, a musician, who was similarly charged, was found not guilty and was discharged.

The case for the prosecution was that Heisler had been refused permission by the emigration authorities to leave the country.

After receiving £30, Goddard stamped the passport for Heisler with an exit stamp which would have enabled him to leave for Venezuela or Brazil.



An asbestos incendiary bomb snuffer with a face guard and gloves of the same substance, takes the place of the sand-bag at the base of a lamp-post in a London street. The snuffer is just dropped on the bomb while the face guard and gloves protect the fire-watcher. (Copyright, Fox).

### INDIAN AIR FORCE MECHANICS

### STRIKE ENDED

As a result of a tentative agreement on wages and hours between coalowners and anthracite miners, the miners have been granted a wage increase and the strike has ended, says Reuter from New York.

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# IL DUCE'S COMIC OPERA KING-MAKING

THE COMIC OPERA king-making proceedings in Rome receive a fair share of attention in the British press but leading articles put the matter in a perspective which is a summation of the circumstances leading to Viceroy, the Duke of Aosta's decision to give up the sponge in what was once Mussolini's East African Empire.

The "Daily Telegraph" recalls it is but a few weeks since General Cunningham crossed the southern frontier of Abyssinia from Italian Somaliland, since when he has travelled 1,500 miles and has frequently met fierce resistance in strong natural positions.

"Mussolini has no excuse for the poor defence he has put up in his vaunted African Empire," the paper continues.

"He had many months of non-belligerency in which to reinforce at leisure whereas Britain had to improvise in haste under the heavy handicap of a series of converging expeditions, which have now achieved such a brilliant result.

"The moral effect of these victories throughout the Middle East must be considerable.

## New Commitments

UNITED STATES OPINION. IT ADDS, HAS AT ONCE SEIZED UPON THE IMPLICATION OF THE NEW FRANCO-GERMAN PACT.

"The Times" declares the Duke of Aosta's welcome decision to sue for terms enables Britain to undertake new commitments in other theatres of war, the first of which is Iraq, where, thanks to Raschid Ali's machinations and the simultaneous treachery of the Vichy Government, Germany is practising her favourite strategy of infiltration.

"The Times" adds that though Abyssinia, Libya, Syria and Iraq are for the moment Britain's sole responsibility, other regions such as Morocco and Senegal, where Vichy's subservience to the Germans may bring new perils, do not concern Britain alone, since an attempt to dominate the South Atlantic through them would amount to a threat to the Americas.

"THE DEFEAT OF THE ITALIANS AND HITLER'S INABILITY TO RETRIEVE IT MARK THE FIRST SERIOUS BREACH IN THE SPELL OF AXIS INVINCIBILITY IN THE FIELD."

The danger will come from Dakar, not Martinique, which would at once become a factor in the situation if Dakar were to pass wholly into German hands. — Reuter.

## WORTHLESS CHEQUE JOKE FOR A BET

A "joke" landed Mary Markham, nineteen, independent, of Gloucester Place, London, W., in Bow Street Police Court on a charge of obtaining a dress, value £11 6s., by means of a worthless cheque from Allardale, Ltd., Berkeley Street, London, W., and obtaining a £10 10s. wristlet watch by similar means from Messrs. Holmes, Jewellers, Old Bond Street, London, W.

She was placed on probation. It was stated that the explanation she gave was that she did it "more or less for a bet."

Detective-Sergeant Mallett said that Markham was of good position and education and bore a perfectly good character.

Mr. St. John Hutchinson, K. C., said that Markham's action had caused those interested in her intense misery and unhappiness.

## FEARED IT WAS A SIEGFRIED LINE

While the London blitz was at its height a man reported to a warden's post at Edmonton that a line of white linen was hanging out in the next door garden.

His wife feared that this would attract the raiders, and she had insisted on him reporting it.

A warden was sent to assure the anxious woman that she had nothing to fear.

## U.S. LABOUR AGITATION

LABOUR AGITATION IN THE UNITED STATES FOR WAGE INCREASES HAS NOW SPREAD TO THE RAILWAYS.

Representatives of the five big railwaymen's unions, involving 350,000 workers, announced in Chicago yesterday they are seeking a 30 per cent increase in wages and are launching a countrywide campaign.

Notice of demand for an increase will be served on the railways on June 10. — Reuter.

## KARACHI'S CIVIC GUARDS

The Governor of Sind, Sir Hugh Dow, reviewed the civic guards of Karachi, paid tribute to their public spirit and declared the usefulness that could not be doubted when unrest is spreading throughout the world.

Turning to the communal dissension in India, the Governor discerned in the Civic Guards a means of promoting the great fellowship between various communities. — Reuter.

## OFFER TO BUY FRENCH PROPERTY

According to press reports from Washington the Republican Congressman, Frances Case, has introduced a Bill in the House of Representatives by which the Secretary of State will be authorised to negotiate for the acquisition of French possessions in the western hemisphere and such ships, aeroplanes and cargoes as France wishes to sell.

Cost will be paid from the \$2,000,000,000 Stabilisation Fund. — Reuter.

## LORD GORT VISITS ALGECIRAS

Lord Gort, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Gibraltar, paid an official visit to the Spanish military Governor of Algeciras yesterday morning.

Lord Gort made the journey by sea.

It is understood that the visit was cordial and that the Spanish Governor is expected to return the call on May 28. — Reuter.

## GERMANS TAKE A PEEK AT CYPRUS

An enemy reconnaissance aeroplane appeared over Cyprus yesterday afternoon and remained for 50 minutes, according to an official announcement in Nicosia. No bombs were dropped. — Reuter.

## MILITARY POWER IN MALAYA

THE CHINESE MILITARY MISSION WHICH HAS BEEN VISITING MALAYA LEFT FOR CHUNGKING YESTERDAY "FORTIFIED WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE IMMENSE STRENGTH AND MILITARY PREPAREDNESS OF MALAYA." AS A MEMBER OF THE MISSION DECLARED IN A FAREWELL BROADCAST.

The tour lasted two weeks during which the mission visited many centres of military importance which, added the spokesman, enabled them to understand the real strength of Malaya.

"We are happy in the knowledge that we have got a strong friend here in this part of the world," he concluded. — Reuter.

## AUSTRALIA LOAN SUCCESS

FOLLOWING A LAST-MINUTE RUSH, AUSTRALIA'S £35,000,000 WAR LOAN CLOSED YESTERDAY, HAVING BEEN OVER-SUBSCRIBED, THE ACTING PRIME MINISTER ESTIMATES, BY £750,000.

The result is considered extremely gratifying, particularly the fact that the number of subscribers was more than double that of the last loan. — Reuter.

## SIKORSKI BACK IN ENGLAND

General Sikorski, the Polish Prime Minister, has returned to London.

He flew across the Atlantic in an American bomber, piloted by a British crew, and arrived in Scotland last week.

He will report to Mr. Churchill on his visit to Canada and the United States where he conferred with President Roosevelt. — Reuter.

## CAROL LEAVING FOR VIRGIN ISLANDS

Ex-King Carol of Rumania and Madame Lupescu were scheduled to leave Bermuda yesterday for St. Thomas, in the Virgin Islands, says Reuter.

**LEE THEATRE**

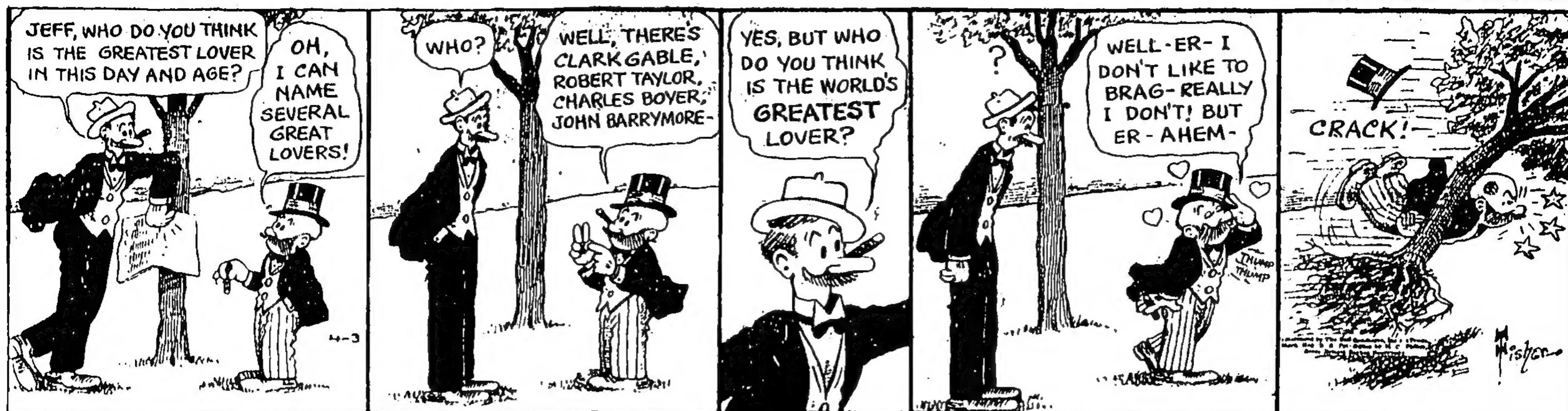
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## MUTT AND JEFF

By BUD FISHER



## Bullet Bore Boy's Death Note

A BOY OF THIRTEEN shot himself because he did not wish to move from his home when his parents moved to another part of the country.

The boy was John Kenneth Page, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Page, of Ormsby Road, Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk. He shot himself with a sporting gun.

## WOMEN DOCTORS KILLED

Two women doctors, one of them the wife of the medical superintendent, and a gate porter's wife were killed when a bomb wrecked a house in the grounds of a hospital in the London area.

Two maidservants, who were also in the house at the time were rescued after being trapped for several hours.

Rescue work continued throughout the night, when two bombs wrecked a number of houses in a Thames estuary area.

Three boy scouts were killed when a bomb wrecked the home of one of the boys after a scout's meeting in the London area. The mother, father and 20-year-old sister of one of the boys were also killed.

On the cartridge with which he killed himself the boy wrote: "Please bury me in Caister."

His mother heard the report of the gun and went to John's bedroom. She found him on the floor with blood gushing from a wound in the head.

### Moving Next Day

Her husband was in Dereham making arrangements at a house to which they were moving the next day.

She said at the Great Yarmouth inquest that the boy had said once or twice that he did not want to leave.

Arthur John Weldall, a schoolboy, said that when coming home at dinner-time John showed him a cartridge and said he did not want to leave Caister, and that he was going to shoot himself.

Arthur did not take this seriously.

Another schoolboy, Mervyn Gould, said that when he said good-bye John was very upset.

Verdict: Balance of the mind disturbed.

## "TANKS ANSWER TO INVASION"

Strong Northern Army

By A Special Correspondent  
Tanks and again tanks is the answer to invasion in the opinion of Lt.-Gen. Sir Ronald Adam, G.O.C.-in-C., Northern Command.

Tanks, he said to me, could plunge at once into the fray, while a regular counter-attack by infantry and artillery naturally took much longer to organise. He was well satisfied with the way in which tanks were coming along.

"Invasion of England," Sir Ronald declared, "is Hitler's only chance of winning the war; but any attempt made now would be four times more difficult than it would have been last autumn."

"Invasion is an appalling task, and if people all keep their heads, as I feel sure they will, Hitler cannot win."

### "Before June Or July"

Sir Ronald went on to say that if the Germans made the attempt he thought they would do it before June or July.

He thought it a mistaken idea to conceive invasion as directly affecting the whole population at once.

At certain points there would be attacks while the greater part of the country was left undisturbed except for bombing.

While there might be heavy fighting going on in one area, it would be the duty of the population elsewhere, including the Home Guard, to carry on with their everyday duties, running the railways, milking cows, and so on.

### Air-Borne Invaders

Sir Ronald foresaw the possibility of a nuisance caused by German parachutists and other air-borne troops, but he did not expect that they would wear British uniforms.

In spite of many rumours and reports in Holland and Belgium last May, he knew of no proved instance of German parachutists coming down in Dutch or Belgian uniforms.

The whole Northern army, the general said, was stronger now than at the beginning of the winter. He had taken a chance in bringing men away from the beaches, except from vital points, to give them divisional training. This had made a great difference to their efficiency.

The keenness of the troops had not been blunted by the winter's lull.

As for the Home Guard, he could not say too much for their devotion and pugnacious spirit.

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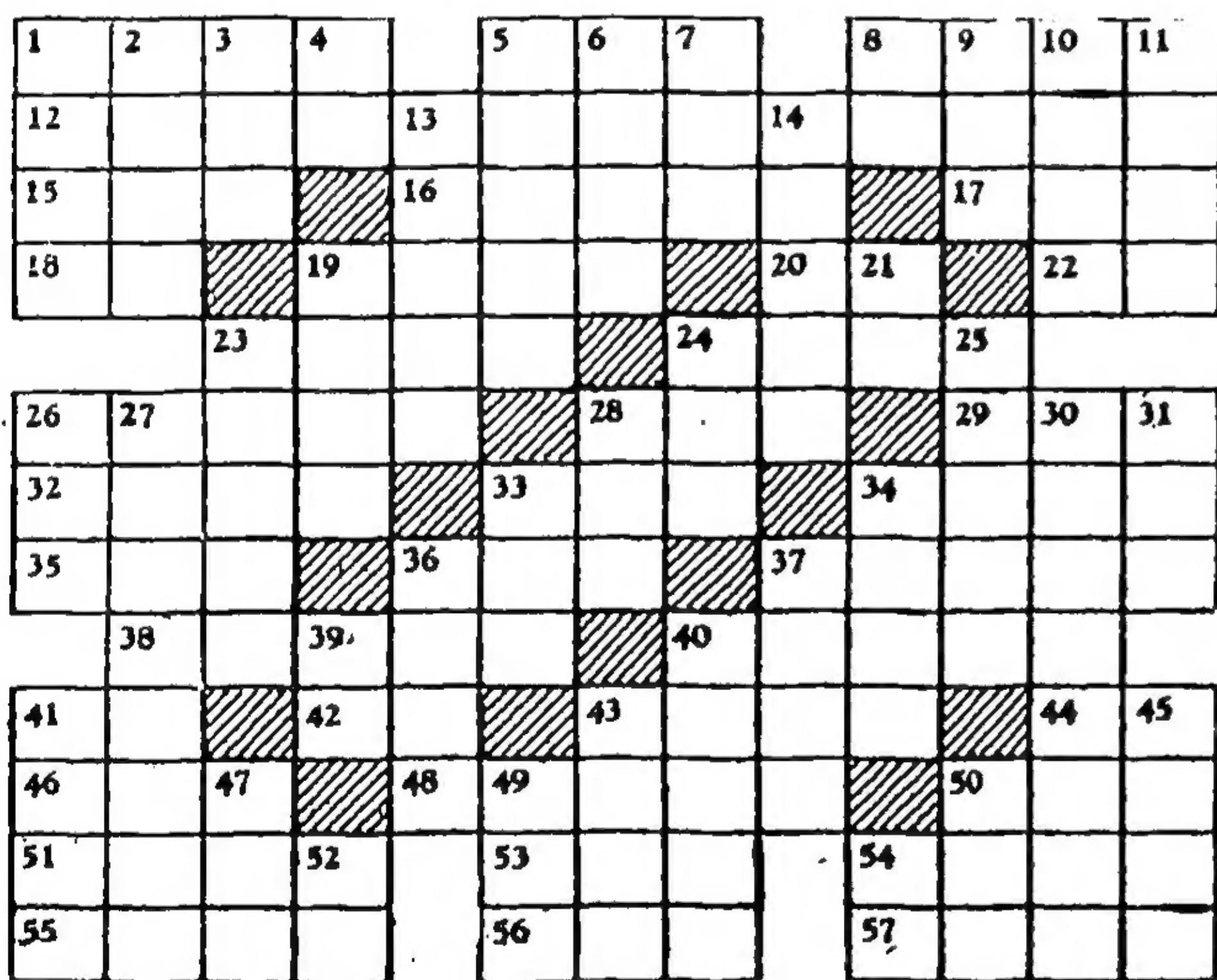
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20 Preposition  
22 City in Chaldean  
23 Four inches  
24 High shoe  
26 Level  
28 Large oak  
29 Rodent  
32 Erin  
33 Drunkard  
34 Low  
35 Man's nickname  
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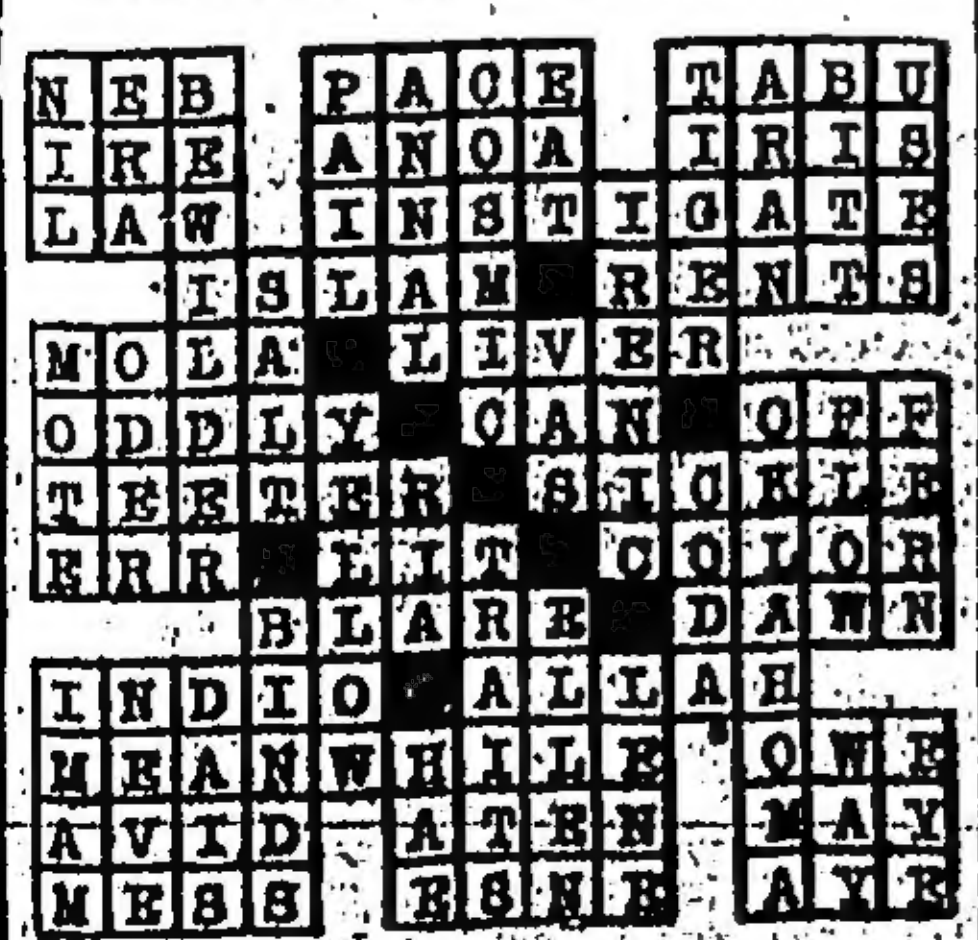
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46 Boy  
48 To accustom  
50 Edible mollusk  
51 On top of  
53 To grow old  
54 Egyptian deity  
55 Roman emperor  
56 Worm  
57 Temple

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2 Solo  
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4 Note of scale  
5 In front  
6 Bows  
7 Wing  
8 Symbol for silver

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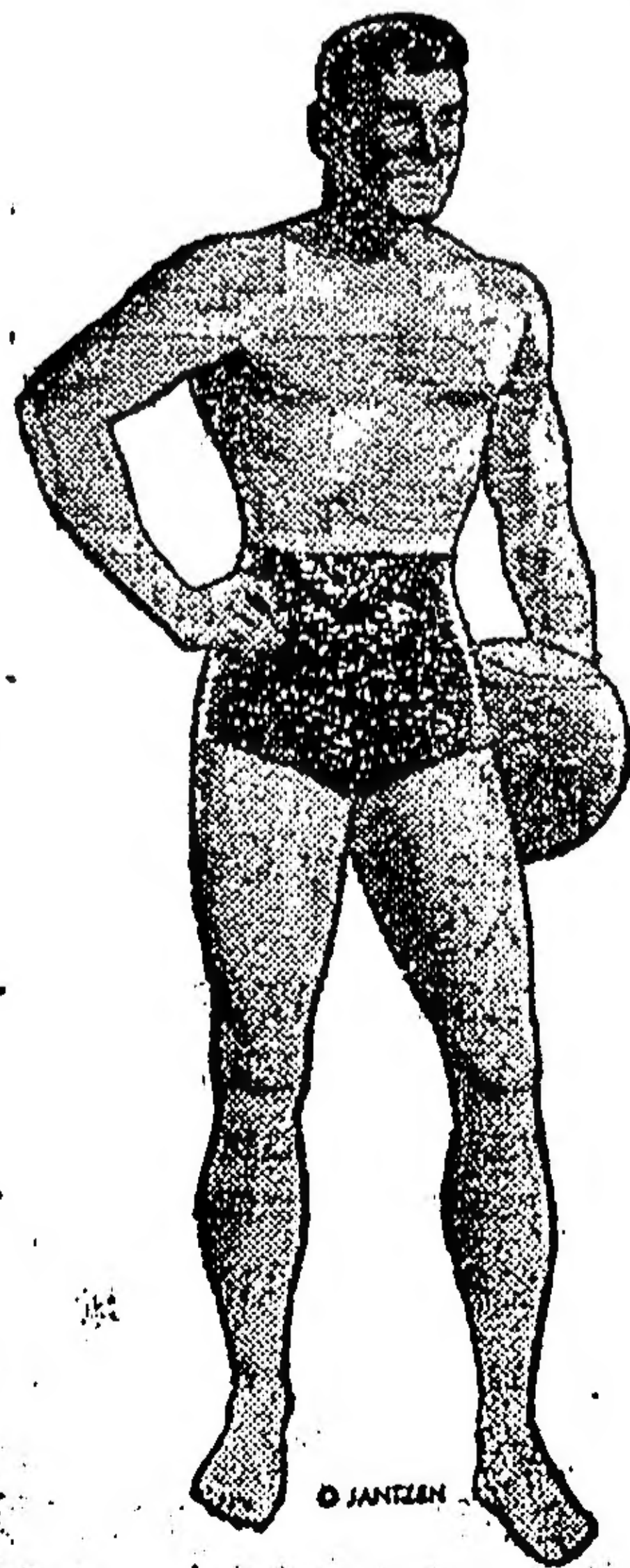
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# ATLANTIC HOT SPOT AWAITS SEA PATROL

AFTER CAREFUL STUDY of President Roosevelt's plan for a far-flung air and sea patrol wherever necessary, the British view suggests that United States fighting ships and planes soon will be operating in the North Atlantic spot where there is the highest mortality among merchant ships from submarines and raiders.

This area is identified as occupying a large circle roughly blocked in by a square formed by 16 to 30 degrees longitude and 45 to 60 degrees latitude. It begins just outside the line roughly 400 miles westward from the Irish Coast and touches most of the usual sea lanes between the United States, Canada and the British Isles.

It is this area which is just far enough removed from the United Kingdom to make bombing patrols difficult and ineffective, and it is there that German submarines have been taking their heaviest toll.

The President's determination to use the fleet plus the air arm to protect American interests seems to necessitate American operations in these waters because they are adjacent to the most convenient route which the Germans could use in getting men and materials to Greenland.

## Alarms Feasible Against Raiders

Although hailed by Winston Churchill the other night as providing much-needed help, it is still found difficult in London to grasp the full working details of the plans unless it is proposed that Americans will broadcast alarms when they see raiders or submarines, while the British send out bombers to make air attacks. In the case of the submarine, such a plan offers obvious obstacles. Once spotted, surface raiders would have, on the other hand, small chance of escaping a bombing patrol.

Naturally, the hope is held that this plan will reduce ship losses, but there is no optimism among shipping authorities. Figures unofficially compiled, but taking in all considerations, suggest that unless more ships are produced and fewer lost Britain will reach a critical stage in the battle of the Atlantic in the Spring months of 1942, at which point a curtailment of the war effort may be inescapable.

In counting all factors, it is said that "the effective tonnage" of British shipping available for the North Atlantic service to-day is about 5,000,000. Actually there is a total of 15,000,000 tons in service. But materials such as timber, iron ore and other warstuffs, which in the World War it was possible to bring on from the Scandinavian countries is now brought from Canada, so it takes two or three times longer and the effective tonnage is reduced by that factor.

The same thing is true of foodstuffs, formerly brought from Holland, Denmark and near-by countries, but which now come from Australia and New Zealand.

In addition, there are the increased lines of the empire. Supplies go around the southern tip of Africa instead of through the Mediterranean to the Near East and North Africa and thus there is an additional loss of effective tonnage. More than that, losses in time due to the slowness of convoys have figured in reducing the effective tonnage by from 20 to 30 per cent, while harbour delays due to unloading and turning around figure in the lowering of total effectiveness by 23 per cent. It is said that in this way 15,000,000 tons of ships are really equivalent to 5,000,000.

## Food Shortage Possibility

Between four and five million tons are needed to keep the island fed and the war industries turning at top speed. Already the lack of shipping is reducing food supplies. Cattle, important for the milk and beef supplies grown at home, are being systematically slaughtered, because it is impossible to bring in the necessary feedstuffs to keep them.

Clothing rations are held not impossible in the future in order

to reduce the volume of wool brought from the colonies and the Dominions. Egypt is being persuaded to reduce its cotton crop.

With all such items cut to the bone and shipping space now taken by them given over to materials of war, a curtailment of the war effort is foreseen within only twelve months or less.

German sinkings are running at about 5,000,000 tons annually. The government's ship loss figures for March were 550,000 tons, covering five weeks.

Offsetting losses to some degree is the British building schedule for this year, which is expected to produce 1,500,000 tons to which 1,000,000 tons from the United States will be added. Although American plans talked of in London suggest that the United States will be providing 3,000,000 new tonnage in 1942 there is some skepticism.

Losses thus run far too much higher than current or potential replacements, and while these are very important the prime necessity is to cut down sinkings. It is hoped that the American patrol will help in that direction, but the only effective help will mean direct American interference in German war activities, with whatever consequences may follow.

## "OBJECTOR DREW A BAYONET"

— Court Allegation

An allegation that a conscientious objector drew a sergeant's bayonet during a struggle, and that it was only by "God's blessing" that it was wrenched away from him was made at a Liverpool Court-martial.

The Court-martial is hearing allegations of ill-treatment of conscientious objectors attached to the Pioneer Corps.

Captain Frank Kenneth Wright pleaded not guilty to five charges, including two of assaulting privates, and C.-S.-M. William Cooper pleaded not guilty to charges of inciting, or permitting, an assault on soldiers and of assaulting three privates.

It is alleged the objectors were kicked and punched, and that two had their heads dipped in a pail of water.

Lieutenant Fargher, defending C.-S.-M. Cooper, said there was evidence that when eleven men mutinied, a certain amount of force, not more than necessary, was used to get them on the parade ground.

One had to be bodily lifted from the room and down five stairs. He grabbed the banister with both hands, got on the floor and wedged his feet.

## "Political Purpose"

It took two men to shift him. It was possible that he received the damage to his face through the struggling.

"There was a fracas on those stairs such as has never happen-

## LONDON UNDISTURBED BY UNIFORM

Unchallenged, a man wearing a Germany Army officer's uniform and trappings strolled London streets for hours, looked over busy Scotland Yard and peered through Buckingham Palace's fences.

His was merely another uniform to Londoners accustomed to the varied garb of British, Dominion, Colonial, Dutch, Czech, Norwegian, Free French, and other Allied forces.

The "German officer" was Mr. Donald Collins, film actor employed by the "Daily Sketch" to point up its editorial campaign urging closer surveillance of aliens.

—Associated Press.

## SHE HAD 172 BRIDESMAIDS

Fifty years ago 172 bridesmaids attended the wedding of Lady Cecilia Howard, daughter of the Earl and Countess of Carlisle—and they all wore green.

Superstitious people shook their heads—green was said to be SO unlucky—but most of the 172 will attend Lady Cecilia's golden wedding celebrations.

And the bridesmaids have been asked to bring their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Lady Cecilia's husband is Mr. Charles Henry Roberts, ex-M.P.

The golden wedding will be celebrated at Dacre Hall, Laher-cost, Cumberland. Of the 172 bridesmaids fifty years ago, two were the bride's titled sisters.

The others were girls attending six rural schools on the Naworth Castle estate of the bride's parents.

ed in the Army before," said Lieutenant Fargher.

"One of these conscientious objectors drew the bayonet belonging to a sergeant, and it was only got by God's blessing by another N.C.O. who wrenched it from his hand."

"The story by these conscientious objectors is a lying exaggeration prepared for one purpose—political," Lieutenant Fargher added.

Cooper, giving evidence, said he did not see any man kicked, punched, dragged or any heads dipped in water.

Second-Lieutenant John Fletcher, of the Pioneer Corps, said he saw the struggle. As he arrived a bayonet was kicked along the floor and he picked it up. Hearing was adjourned.



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## AIR POWER

The theory of "continental isolation," to which the Lindberghs still cling, receives another jolt in the news that Douglas Aircraft Company has completed the first of its B-19 bombers. Here is the most formidable agency of destruction yet developed—a great fortress built to fly 7,250 miles, nonstop with a cargo of eighteen tons of bombs. It is visible proof that the day is rapidly approaching when no nation and no part of any nation will be immune from direct attack from any part of the world.

This whole question of the impact of modern air power on the traditional conceptions of continental defence is analysed in an important article by Major Alexander P. de Seversky in the new issue of "The American Mercury." Comparisons are invidious, but sometimes necessary. It must be noted that Major de Seversky speaks with more authority in these matters than Colonel Lindbergh, since he is not only a pilot but a designer of aircraft, not only an inventor of bomb sights and a builder of army pursuit planes, but a recognised authority on the tactics and strategy of aerial warfare.

It is Major de Seversky's central thesis, and the new B-19 bomber comes along to illustrate his point that "isolationism" is ruled out physically by the advent of air power and the tremendous speed with which its range is being widened. To show that a European enemy of the United States could not land armies and occupy this country mile by mile proves little. The same enemy, if it succeeds in wresting control of the skies overhead, can pound the country into helpless wreckage without the need to occupy territory. "Should it be argued that ultimate victory could not be achieved by that alone (though I believe it could), the fact still remains that this is a type of destructive fury to which no nation will wish to expose itself."

Moreover, by a curious truth which is not yet widely understood, the more industrialised a country is, the more vulnerable it is to destruction from overhead. "American industries, grouped in thick-sown concentrations dependent on centralised sources of power, make ideal targets for air attacks. The tremendous expanse of our country may give us a feeling of hugeness, but the vital centres are few and extremely exposed." There is no real security for those centres in old-fashioned "isolation" behind "impregnable" ramparts. Air power is "a threat in which oceans have already lost some of their protective value and are destined to become soon as illusory a defence as the Maginot Line" itself.

Major de Seversky does not share Colonel Lindbergh's belief that Britain cannot win this war, even with American assistance. He believes, on the contrary, not merely that Britain has a chance of winning, "but that, given the full material backing of the United States, she has only a minor chance of not winning." In the race to achieve the vital factor of definitive air superiority, Germany, even with all her continental appendages, "will be more and more plagued by shortages of critical materials," and more and more handicapped by increasingly undernourished labour working sullenly under coercion, while "the Anglo-American bloc, its production centres widely scattered over the world, will have access to all materials; it will operate in many regions under relatively peaceful conditions, with labour that is voluntary and well-fed." In this tug-of-war of production, "equality in air power for the Anglo-American bloc is already within sight, and rapid establishment of supremacy seems in the cards." "Once we admit the possibility of superior Anglo-American air power, we must also admit the likelihood that the European target may be hammered into submission."

Here is one answer to the question, How will the war be won? and fresh courage for faint hearts.



THE LAST BETRAYAL

## Mr. Menzies On A World Mission

War adds to the responsibility of leading a nation, a weight likely to be crushing on all except men endowed with mental resistance to an uncommon degree. Possession of this quality enables Australia's Prime Minister, Sir Robert Gordon Menzies, to give most of his waking moments to wartime problems without seeming overwrought or losing the easy poise for which he is pre-eminent among his country's politicians.

Without this, his earnestness of purpose, and powers of concentration and analysis developed by a lawyer's career, might not be half so effective. A waterproof mind, I call it, because he can immerse it in a sea of difficulties without its becoming saturated by them. After hours of intense Cabinet discussion, Mr. Menzies can saunter into the corridor and parry newspapermen's varied inquiries masterfully, comfortably, wittily, as if he enjoys it all.

Clever in debate, he is difficult to corner, and often eludes an awkward question by replying with another question, technically designed to short circuit his interrogator.

A tall man, handsome despite increasing fleshiness, Mr. Menzies has a commanding presence. His knack of marshaling everyday words into ringing sentences makes him an eloquent speaker. On the platform, he shies at cameras, because he dislikes being photographed with his mouth open. Over the radio, his unhurried, conversational diction and rich, resonant voice deeply impress listeners.

There is something Olympian in the way Mr. Menzies looks on his countrymen. He is rather impatient with minds less nimble than his own, yet in his first radio talk as Prime Minister, in April, 1939, he assured the people that he was "a singularly plain Australian, not bred to the purple." When striking coal miners in 1940 boycotted a hall where he intended to address them, he ventured into their mass meeting in a park, and gained a hearing.

Mr. Menzies' poise, probably partly innate, has been built up by the way doors opened to him at his first knock, until, at 44, he became his country's leader—and Madame Tussaud's waxwords, London, found a place for his effigy.

A brilliant student at state schools and at college, he gained the degree, Master of Laws, at Melbourne University. At 25, two years after he became a barrister, he scored a triumph in a High Court case about State and Federal constitutional power. At 34, his skill as a pleader brought him the silk gown of a King's Counsel, and a yearly income re-

puted to be £8,000 (then about \$32,000).

His political progress was equally swift. A few years in Victoria's legislature proved him to be an outstanding politician. When Sir John Latham (now Minister to Japan) became Chief Justice in 1934, vacating the well-to-do Kooyong seat in the Federal Parliament, the conservative United Australia Party nominated Mr. Menzies, and the election was a walkover. The newcomer was raised to Cabinet rank (Attorney-General) before he was even sworn in as a member of the House of Representatives.

After less than five years in the House, he was the obvious choice by the National Union (behind-the-scenes powers who finance the party) to succeed Prime Minister Joseph A. Lyons, who passed

By Raymond Robinson

on five months before German bombs fell in Poland. It seems paradoxical that a man of such intellectual capacity should be on the less-progressive side in Parliament, but history abounds with similar cases, setting a riddle for posterity.

In his two years as Prime Minister, doors have not opened as easily for him as they did earlier. His biggest difficulties have been the coming home to roost of chickens let loose by governments of which he was a leading member for five years before the war.

Australia's people are wholeheartedly loyal to democracy's cause, but about half of them don't like Mr. Menzies' leadership, although he is well liked personally. This opposition has several causes, political, economic, social. He was an out-and-out supporter of Chamberlain appeasement, while the powerful Australian trade unions regarded the Munich agreement as a shattering blow to collective security against aggression. They criticised his statements, after his 1938 visit to Europe, approving German rearmament and expressing his belief that Germany's intentions in western Europe were not aggressive.

Australians had been quickly antagonised by Fascism and Nazism, if for no other reason than the dictator's suppression of trade unionism. No country is more closely interlaced than Australia with trade union organisation, which embraces almost all classes of wage earners, including bank officials, schoolteachers, and jour-

nalists. After the Japanese invaded China, unionists resented Government use of legal force to compel waterside workers to load scrap iron for Japan.

Those who believed that Australia should have a foreign policy based on its Pacific location thought that the United Australia Party and its coalition partner, the Country Party, were too docile in following London, Manchester, and Birmingham. Hence the 1936 trade-divers on tariffs against American automobiles and Japanese-made clothing. When the Opposition (Labour Party) made a big air force for home defence their main plank in the 1937 election, the conservatives branded the Opposition as isolationist.

The more militant unions look on Mr. Menzies as capitalism's representative, whose wartime policy is shaped too much by the influence of the great Broken Hill Proprietary steel and coal corporation, other big industrialists, and insurance company directors. Nearly all the industrial disputes have been labour's attempts to divert to employees—many working longer shifts—a share of company profits from enormously increased production for war purposes.

The dissatisfactions outlined above explain why Mr. Menzies' coalition government could scramble back from the Federal election last September with only 37 supporters to Labour's 36 in the House. The holder of the seventy-fourth vote, a dissident country member, usually supports Opposition policy. The Government holds 19 Senate seats to Labour's 17. The Opposition, pledged to full support of the war effort, has not tried to upset the Government, but prefers to force it to compromise on some matters.

To keep office, the Menzies Government has had to back down several times, laying itself open to the taunt that it sometimes governs by try-on and error. It has reversed its decisions on automobile manufacturing, control of the Press, taxation of low wages, a ban on criticism of its financial policy, and permission for the Army commander's wife to join him in Egypt while other soldiers' wives are forbidden to go.

Amid all these tribulations, the Prime Minister can now point to a soaring output of war products, dwarfing all expectations in a country where manufacturing had kept in distant step with the great wool and wheat industries. A rein had been kept on living costs, and the supply of volunteers for the fighting forces is ample. And amid it all, nobody could be more majestically right than Mr. Menzies—or err with greater aplomb.

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# SECRET FOUR STUDY NAZI TACTICS

NAZI "WORD BOMBS" aimed at America with intent to divide, confuse, and terrify the Nation are reaching between 150,000 and 300,000 short-wave listeners, according to Charles J. Rolo, who for some time served on the Princeton University Listening Post for analysing these radio missiles.

At the same time, it is disclosed that Great Britain is employing a new secret defence board of four psychologists who listen to Nazi propaganda for the purpose of foreseeing actions behind the words.

Nazis themselves refer to their radio propaganda as "bombs of the mind." Mr. Rolo writes in the current issue of "The American Mercury." He adds: "They have one clear and simple purpose: to foment dissension that will paralyse America's will to act.

## Goal Is Anarchy

"The German radio offensive against other countries revealed the tactics and objectives of this form of warfare. Its goal is not conversion, but anarchy. It seeks to pit group against group, to turn the people against their leaders, to undermine the individual's faith in his habitual standards of judgment, to arouse in each man's heart uncertainty and eventually panic; in short, to divide, confuse, and terrify.

"The use of absurd exaggerations and fantastic assertions is an essential part of this strategy. It removes the stigma attached to propaganda, giving it the appearance of ballyhoo.

"Even now, with the object lessons of two years staring them in the face, the British com-

placently declare that Dr. Goebbels' threats and glaring falsehoods cannot win for him friends and allies in America — except traitors; no allies — except Revolution. It is the propaganda of complete Nihilism.

## London Secret

"In the place of what it is working to destroy, the German radio purposely leaves a vacuum. It does not suggest that Americans should adopt the Nazi way of life. Its propaganda for American neutrality is balanced by bitter assertions that America is already in the enemy camp. Only one positive doctrine emerges: the doctrine of race hatred and class warfare.

"For the common people of America the German radio has a message which, stripped of all trimmings, is essentially communistic, while to business men and property owners it speaks blandly in terms of profits and dividends. The poor are encouraged to hate the rich, the rich to fear the poor. The ideals and traditions of rich and poor alike are assailed by an all-corroding cynicism fatal to national unity.

The new British secret defence factor which accurately informs the British high command in advance of contemplated Axis moves, and permits the armed forces to take counteractive measures, is disclosed for the first time by William Hillman, European Director of "Collier's Weekly," in the current issue of the magazine.

## Importance Stressed

"The British Government," Mr. Hillman writes, "considers the word offensive of the Nazis as important as the war on land, at sea, in the skies. In some ways it believes it more important. A true analysis of the verbal TNT in the propaganda shells gives a good idea of what's being planned in actual combat.

"Operating on this theory, the British have introduced a method of trapping the strategists behind the Nazi word offensive. They have put four brilliant psychologists on the job as propaganda analysts. Their official function is to analyse the enemy's word shells as scientifically as British munitions experts examine fragment of bombs dropped on London by enemy planes.

"Great Britain's propaganda lab in which psychoanalysts determine the true chemistry of Hitler's verbal artillery fire has been kept a secret. It still is a secret to millions of Britons. I stumbled onto the fact of its existence. The matter had to be taken up with high Government officials before I was allowed to write anything about them.

## Reports For Cabinet

"Only modern science, total war, and the use of radio as a weapon could have produced them. They believe that Hitler said a mouthful when he declared in 'Mein Kampf' that 'in war words are acts.' They consider this the key to the Fuehrer's mental processes."

The four members of the psychoanalytical board, who constitute the latest "secret defence weapon," are Prof. Ernst Kriss; John Scarlett Alexander Salt, late of the Royal Engineers; Mark Abrams, Ph. D., who spent a year at the Brookings Institution in Washington on an Eastman Fellowship; and Miss Anne Outwaite, expert in the inner workings of European diplomacy.

"At first," Mr. Hillman writes, "the Cabinet didn't pay any attention to the secret four. Now their weekly report is eagerly awaited."

## WAR VETERAN AIDS VICTIMS

Badly wounded in the last war, forty-five-year-old Mr. A. Barber, of Fordel Road, Catford, S.E., is collecting stout sticks for people injured in air raids, especially those who have lost legs.

"During the last war, after I was wounded in the leg, I made 3,000 sticks for wounded soldiers in a London factory," he told the "Daily Mirror."

He aims to collect a thousand in a month.

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# BUSTER WON A HERO'S MEDAL AT ONLY 15

(By A Special Correspondent)

CHEEKY-FACED BUSTER, aged sixteen, stood at his mother's stall in a London street market. He was yelling: "Ere yer are, ladies. Best King Edwards, five pounds a tanner."

A smartly dressed woman walked to the stall and said: "My boy, you've won the King George Medal." "No, only King Edwards," shouted the boy, above the din.

He had not grasped the fact that he had been awarded the George Medal—the youngest hero yet to receive it.

Buster helped the police officers to free six people trapped in a bombed paint factory and carry them to ambulances.

A few minutes after the last victim had been taken out the interior of the building collapsed.

He was fifteen then. His full name is John Thomas Cain. He lives in Arcola Street, Dalston, N.

Police-Constables Turner, Shawley, Tricker and Dean, who took part in the rescue, also got the George Medal.

## He Wants A Job

When he grasped the news, Buster blushed and loosened his muffler. "Crickey," he said. "I'd forgotten all about it."

Then Mrs. Rose Cain returned to her stall in Ridley Road, Dalston, from the hospital where her husband has been lying gravely ill for the past three weeks.

"I'm glad son," she said, as other stallholders congratulated him.

"I'm glad I've got the medal, mate," said Buster "but I wish I'd got a job."

Not too young to win a medal, he was too young for his job. He was fired by a demolition firm because they learned that according to regulations he is under age.

Another brother, his mother's main support will be called up soon.

The other night Buster was out tackling fire bombs.

"There is nothing to it," he said, "but I felt a bit windy at the paint factory."

"The building didn't look safe when we went in and there was fires all round."

Buster has not shaved yet, but in the market they call him a "real man."

## BOMBS KILLED HER TWO LOVERS

A nineteen-year-old London girl who has seen her romance twice shattered by death is facing the future still hopeful of happiness.

Last September, Beatrice May, of Lamb's Conduit Street, W.C., sat with her twenty-year-old fiancé, Robert Collard, in an air raid shelter. They had been sweethearts for three years, and at Christmas they were to announce their engagement.

A bomb fell. Robert was killed, and Beatrice was so badly burned that she spent eight weeks in hospital.

Then George Read, a twenty-year-old sailor, and a life-long friend of Robert, took Robert's place in her heart.

But fate struck again. George, stationed in a south coast town, was killed by a bomb.

That was a fortnight ago. Now Beatrice bravely sets her face to the future, and has found comfort in sitting with the mother of the boy who has just been snatched from them.

## FORGOT SICK LEAVE, DOWNED THREE NAZIS

An R.A.F. pilot, who had been wounded was about to go on sick leave when a warning came to his squadron. He dropped his suitcase, took off in a Spitfire as mechanics waved, to him and shot down three Nazi planes.

On his return he was told his mechanics had waved to him because the radio in his machine was not serviceable.

## "INVASION WILL BE THIS YEAR"

A proportion of nearly two out of every three persons in England think that the Nazis will try to invade Gt. Britain some time during this year.

But significantly, more than one in every five, despite the many warnings of the dangers of invasion by Mr. Churchill and other leaders, do not believe that the Germans will dare to try it.

Further, one person in every two would welcome a full-scale invasion attempt because they believe that such an attempt would mean a devastating defeat for Hitler, and would hasten the coming of the end of the war.

These facts are revealed by the latest Gallup Survey, in which interviewers all over Gt. Britain asked: "Do you think the Germans will try an invasion of this country during this year?"

62% said Yes  
21% said No  
17% said Don't know

Though the differences in opinion as between various groups were very slight, it was noticeable that those in the higher income group were inclined to be both more sceptical of the possibility of invasion, and more ready to welcome it as contributing to Germany's final defeat.

## EARNING DOLLARS

As he finished polishing £1,000 worth of diamonds ready for sale in the United States, Mr. Benjamin Mendes, the oldest member of his profession in London, was presented by fellow-workmen with two boxes of cigars in celebration of his 70th birthday.

Mr. Mendes, who is British by birth, escaped from Antwerp last June. Before the war there were about 15 diamond cutters in Britain. Now there are 150. Many of the refugee craftsmen, who are earning us foreign currency, hope to stay in London after the war.

## GOLDEN HARVEST OF THE ISLES

(By A Special Correspondent)

WHILE SOLDIERS on the ramparts of the Scilly Isles, keep a constant watch seawards islanders are gathering a golden harvest.

It's daffodil and narcissi time there, and ship-loads of the world's choicest blooms are being sent across the twenty-five miles of sea to the mainland.

Before the season ends in a few weeks nearly 1,000 tons of daffodils and narcissi will have been sent to Covent Garden and the big provincial centres.

Yet this year's flower crop is the smallest for several years, growers say. Setbacks have been acreage reduced by 25 per cent, to make room for more potatoes, and sharp frosts early in the season.

## Greater Demand

Nevertheless, it's the best paying crop they can remember. The demand for flowers is greater than in pre-war times and

## WAITERS EARNING DOUBLE

To-day is the "Golden Age" for waiters in England. There is such a serious shortage of hotel and restaurant staff that many are now earning double their pre-war wages.

Although women are replacing men waiters, even in the larger hotels, they are insufficient to make up for the men who have been called up for the armed forces or those who entered civil defence and fire fighting services when hotel and restaurant trade slumped early in the war.

An official of one employment agency told the "Evening Standard": "If you walk any West End hotel or restaurant between one and two in the afternoon, you would be lucky to get a seat."

"It's taking far longer for people to get served. Pre-war standards of service have disappeared."

"If a thousand experienced waiters and waitresses came to me for jobs to-day, I could place them all before to-night."

"Would-be employers outnumber would-be employees by more than 80 per cent. Wages have advanced at least 25 per cent. In many cases they have doubled."

"Staff can more or less dictate their own terms. Some waiters who were making £4 a week are now earning £8. Night clubs are paying even higher wages; their hours are usually from 10.30 p.m. to 5 a.m."

"The girls who are replacing the young waiter, who used to earn between 30s. and 40s. a week, are now making £4 a week."

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### NOTICE

THE MAY HALF-YEARLY GENERAL MEETING OF VOTING MEMBERS will be held at the Club House, Happy Valley, on THURSDAY, 29th May, 1941, at 5.30 p.m.

ALL MEMBERS are cordially invited to attend and participate in any discussion which may ensue.

By Order of the Stewards,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 20th May, 1941.

## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

DRAFT PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FORMS for the SIXTH EXTRA RACE MEETING to be held (weather permitting) on SATURDAY, 31st May, and MONDAY, 2nd June, 1941, may be obtained from the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on THURSDAY, 22nd May, 1941.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 19th May, 1941.

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# BRIDGE NOTES

## AVOIDING DANGER By The Four Aces

In a great number of hands, one opponent can make a dangerous lead while the other cannot. Every effort should then be made, in the play of the hand, to avoid giving the lead to the danger hand. For example:

South, Dealer  
Neither side vulnerable

♠ 6 3	♥ Q 6 4	♦ A Q 3	♣ K 10 9 8 3
♠ A Q 8 7 2	♥ 7 6 4 2	♦ 7 6 4 2	♣ 6
♠ 10 9 4	♥ 10 9 8 7	♦ K 5	♣ Q 7 5 4
♠ K J 5	♥ A K J	♦ J 10 9 8	♣ A J 2

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

West led the seven of spades. East played the nine, and South won with the Jack. South could now count on three hearts, one diamond, and two clubs in top cards. Two more tricks were needed for the contract.

A novice would have taken the diamond finesse, but that would have lost to East's King and a spade return would then set the contract. But South, who was no novice, realized the danger of letting East gain the lead. He therefore decided to make his two additional tricks in clubs, playing so as to keep East out of the lead. At the second trick he led the Jack of hearts, overtaking with dummy's Queen. Then he returned the ten of clubs, letting it ride when East played low. Had the finesse lost, the rest of the club suit would have been enough for the contract. When it won, declarer took another finesse, cashed the club Ace, and got back to dummy with the diamond Ace to take the remaining two clubs. This safe line of play produced ten tricks.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ Q J 10 8 4 2	♥ J 10 3	♦ A 4	♣ 7 5
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The bidding:

Schenker	Jacoby	Moler	You
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	(?)

ANSWER: Bid four spades. There must be a game in the cards, perhaps more. By showing your strength at this point, you make a mild Slam suggestion without getting past the game level. If you bid only three spades, you should make a Slam try later on; and your hand is not strong enough for a Slam try past the game level.

Score 100% for four spades, 70% for three spades.

### Question No. 720

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Schenker	Jacoby	Moler	You
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♠	Pass	(?)

What do you bid? (Answer)

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# Call-Up Is Making Dogs Go Hungry

CARCASSES OF ANIMALS which usually made food for dogs and cats, and whose hooves and hides formed valuable by-products, are now being buried.

That is because many of the man who deal with these carcasses — the knacker men — have been called up and their places have not been filled.

A question on this position, which is of great importance to animal lovers now, when feeding stuff is scarce, is to be asked in Parliament by Sir Robert Gower, chairman of the R.S.P.C.A.

"The knackers is a trade which passes down from father to son, so that when a knacker is called up it is difficult to fill his place," said an R.S.P.C.A. official. "Because no arrangements have been made to transport the carcasses in many counties they have been burned or buried."

Meanwhile, a curious situation has arisen, although hundreds of dog owners have had their pets destroyed because of difficulty in obtaining feeding stuffs, more people are asking for dogs than can be supplied.

### Different Food

"So far as possible," the official said, "we try to arrange an exchange system between those who want animals and those who find that they can no longer keep their pets. Some three to four hundred dogs pass through our hands each month this way, and so do a few cats."

But if you are thinking of having your pets destroyed because of food scarcity think again. R.S.P.C.A. says this is unnecessary. Here are their tips.

Starch is not particularly good for dogs, especially puppies, but potatoes cooked in their jackets are quite good with gravy.

### Pooling Scraps

The difficulty has been solved for animal lovers in hundreds of streets by an extension of the "mystery" which has been such a feature of the reaction to war problems. Where No. 3 has a dog or a cat and Nos. 1, 2 and 4 have not, the families at 1, 2 and 4 save enough oddments to keep 3's animal fed.

## AS HE READ OF GHOSTS ---

When George Jenkins, aged seventy-six, gets fastened on to a good ghost story it takes a lot to shake him off.

George who is very deaf, lived alone in a room behind a Plymouth shop. Every night after black-out curtains had been drawn he would put on his reading spectacles, draw his armchair up to the oil stove and read thrillers.

Just as he reached a blood-curdling description of a midnight apparition a shadow fell across the page. He started, looked up. Before him were three steel-helmeted men in overalls.

"Come out of it, quick," shouted one of the men.

### Shop Shattered

George was puzzled. "Quick," shouted the men in chorus as they grabbed him by the arms and hustled him outside seconds before the ceiling of his room caved in.

George looked around, bewildered. A building was burning. Everywhere shops and houses were in ruins.

His own shop front had been shattered. A heavy bomb had crashed about forty yards away.

"I thought I felt something shake my chair," said George — "just when the fellow in the haunted castle heard the dungeon door bang."

## TALK WITH QUEEN

### "All United Family In This War"

The King and Queen each drank coffee standing at a mobile canteen manned by volunteers from the Women's Voluntary Services soon after their arrival at Stoke-on-Trent.

The visit, a break in the return journey to London from Manchester, where they had seen air raid damage, was supposed to be secret, but news of their Majesties' arrival leaked out, and everywhere they went they were greeted with warm-hearted cheers. "Good bless you both" was frequently heard from women.

In two hours their Majesties visited the Shelton Iron, Steel and Coal Company's Works and the Spode China Works of W. T. Copeland and Sons. They mingled freely with the workmen and workgirls.

An aged blast-furnaceman, James Bannister, who has worked for the iron and steel firm for 38 years, said to the Queen, "Hitler dare not go among his people as your Majesties are doing, without any bodyguard." The Queen smiled and replied, "No, I suppose not."

John Edward Lovatt, a 59-year-old worker, remarked to the Queen: "We are all a united family in this war," and her Majesty replied: "That's the spirit."

### Showered With Sparks

Their Majesties stood beside huge blast furnaces and were showered with sparks from the molten steel as it entered the moulds.

Both the King and the Queen asked numerous questions of girl pottery workers at the Spode works, of which the Lord Mayor, Mr. A. E. Hewitt, who conducted them on the tour, is managing director. The Queen spoke to women who were doing highly skilled work in painting dinner plates.

In the firm's showrooms they saw a Toby jug of Mr. Winston Churchill wearing his famous square hat and smoking a long cigar. They were told that these jugs were being specially made for the American market.

## DISTANCE NO OBJECT

PILOTS OF THE FREE FRENCH AIR FORCE SERVING WITH THE R.A.F. FIGHTER COMMAND ARE SECOND TO NONE IN THEIR KEENNESS TO HELP DRIVE THE NAZI AIRMEN FROM THE SKIES.

The other day a French Warrant Officer, piloting a Spitfire, was pursuing an enemy plane far out off the South coast when, after getting in four bursts, his safety glass windscreen iced over and he had to break off the fight.

He then discovered that, in concentrating on the chase, he had forgotten to keep on eye on his clock and that his petrol supply was nearly exhausted. Turning back, he made straight for the shore and, by nursing his engine, was just able to cross the coast and make a crash landing in a field with dry petrol tanks.

"I think my fire caused the enemy considerable damage," was his modest claim on reporting the combat, he had so narrowly survived.



"The Great Dictator," which packed them in during its first run in Hong Kong, is now showing at the Oriental Theatre. Above is Charlie as Hynkel.

## CONVOY ATTACKER SURPRISED

The pilot of a German bomber had an unpleasant surprise one afternoon recently off the East Coast of Britain. He prepared to attack a convoy of ships. He carried out a dummy run and then turned to attack from the north end of the convoy.

Then, from out of the sun, two Spitfires came diving at him. The German pilot turned his machine away from the convoy in a steep dive and, riddled with bullets, made off home.

Describing the action, one of the pilots told how they positioned themselves at about 16,000 feet, where they could not be seen by the approaching enemy—a Dornier 17.

"As the bomber turned in to attack I cut him off," said the fighter pilot. "As I was about to attack the enemy pilot spotted me before I was quite within range and turned into a very steep dive away from the convoy. I gave him a 4-5 seconds burst, and then broke away to wait for a more favourable position. My companion then delivered his attack, and when the enemy levelled out at 3,000 feet, I attacked again. There was fairly strong rear gun fire, which became less accurate when I opened up at 200 yards, and finally stopped altogether. I saw my bullets going home and the raider's starboard undercarriage collapse."

The second Spitfire pilot said he gave two bursts from astern and starboard, and in his second attack opened fire at 300 yards, closing to 100 yards.

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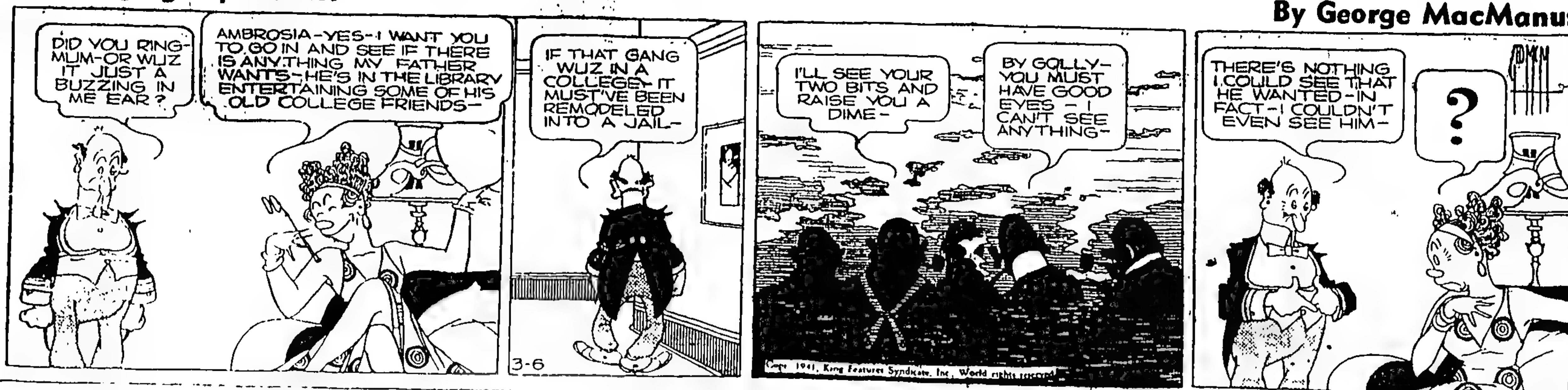
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## A PAGE FOR WOMEN It Happens To All Of Us

To-day I must make a confession - I forgot to practice what I preach and began to suffer for it! About a month ago a great rush of work and social duties came along at the same time and I took no time out for beauty. I worked and I served, and I served and I worked, until one day I found myself on the verge of nervous tears for no reason at all. Then my secretary reprimanded me. "You are not doing what you ask your readers to do, Miss Lindsay," she said, "why don't you practice

what you preach? You should relax and rest and get more exercise!"

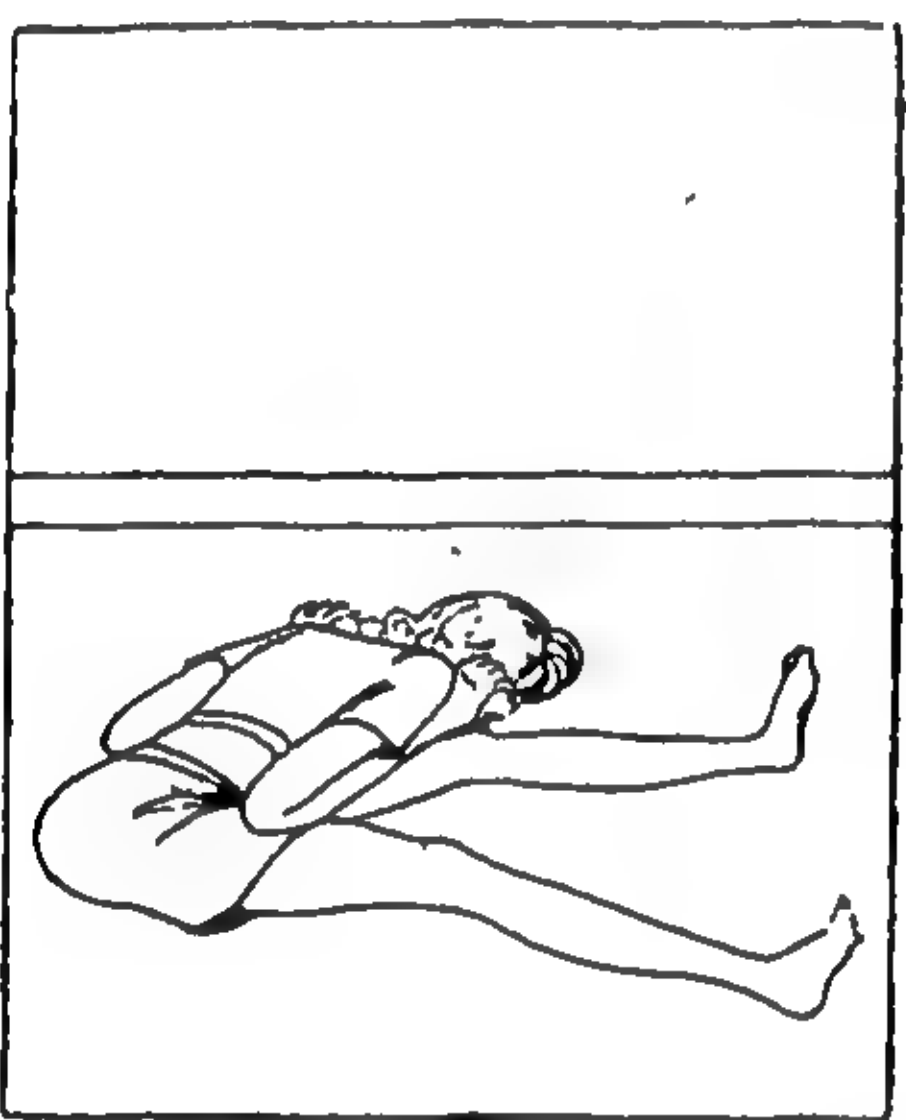
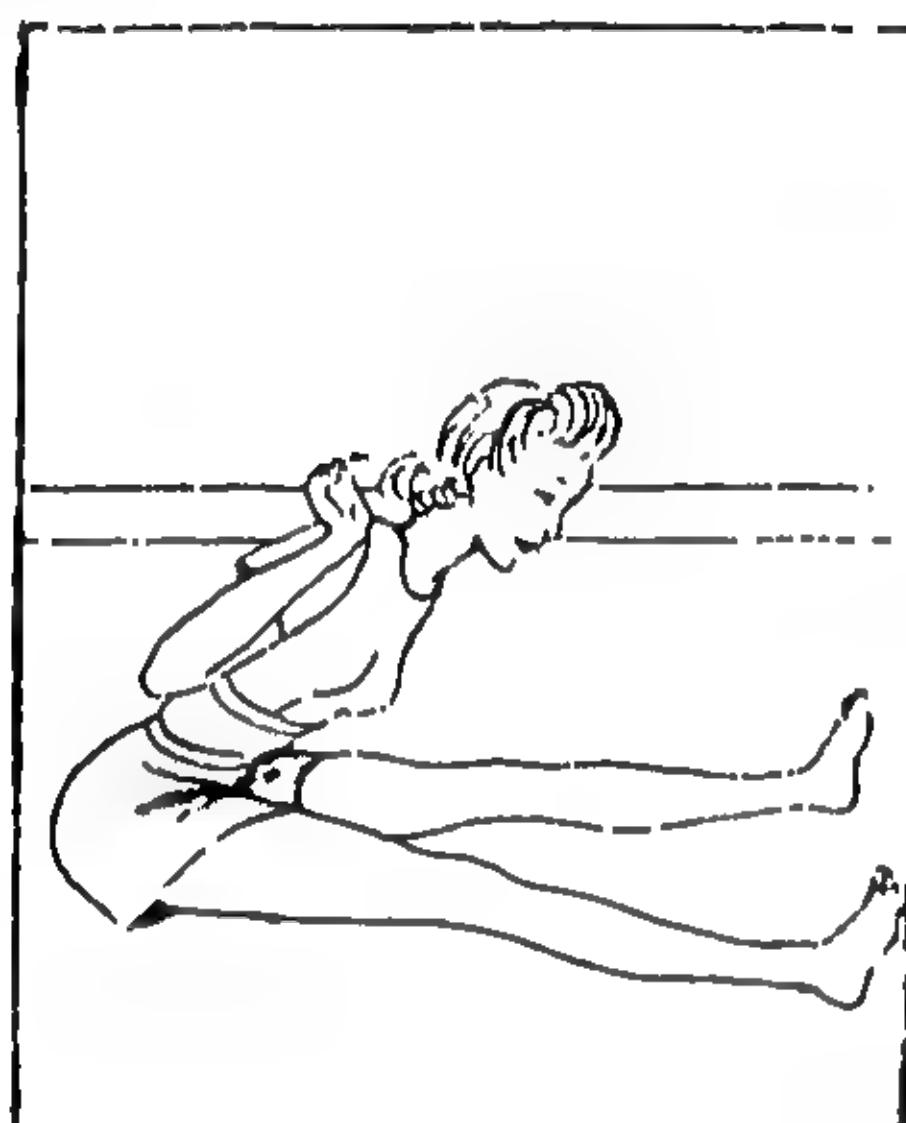
Well, you can imagine how chagrined I felt! My own yard had turned into boomerang! But it was a very good thing for I got on the phone and immediately promised the directress of a famous New York salon that I would report every morning at nine o'clock for a good work-out. I, like most of you, can do better if someone stands over me with a stick! And she did!

I exercised to stretch out those working aches and to help my blood rush around where it was needed. The constant sitting at a desk or table had increased my hip measurement almost an inch so that had to come off too. Personally I get annoyed with myself if I do not keep in condition. I like to feel well and strong and capable and trim. That old fella pride makes me too the mark so my lapses such as the last are infrequent.

### My Programme

You readers might be interested in what I did with persistence every day for nearly three weeks.

I exercised from one half hour to three quarters of an hour on a mat every morning. After that session I had a half hour body massage by hands which did not spare my feelings! Then a cooling shower and back to my home and duties. After luncheon I pulled myself away from my



A limbering exercise which Miss Lindsay did. Keeping knees and upper body straight stretch forward. It is difficult but good for one!

many tasks and went out to walk. If I did not have errands I invented them - but I did walk from one mile to three every day. The fresh air was good for me because when I returned my energy was revitalised so I could put in a few more hours of work.

During this time I ate as I always do most sensibly. Many salads, fresh fruits and vegetables, milk, thin broths, little meat, no rich desserts or rich food of any kind. I found I needed whole grain cereal in the morning to create sufficient energy so I added that to my fruit juice and clear coffee.

Then I practiced saying "no" to people. "No, I can not accept your nice invitation, I am tired and must rest." That, my dears is the most difficult part of a re-conditioning programme. But at times we must learn to say "no" if we hope to relax and rest! Foot note - after three weeks I felt marvellous!



The mentally sketchy girl-friend says when her beau talks about taking life easy she can't help but wonder if he's lying down on the job.

## SOUP... the Hurry-Up Hot Dish for LUNCH

Dorothy Greig

AN amusing thing about modern life is that soup, formerly a food that consumed hours of time to make, is now one that's ready for the table in just about nothing flat. Open the can, add an equal quantity of water or milk, heat - and there you are.



Philadelphia Pepper Pot Soup is a savory choice for a windy day.

At no time are modern soups more useful than for lunch. They provide the hot food the meal should have - and in a hurry. They are nourishing. And everybody enjoys comforting hot soup for the noon day meal.

The choice of soups is astonishing these days, too... smooth cream soups made by adding milk to pea, celery, asparagus or tomato; hearty stick-to-the-ribs meat and vegetable soups; spicy soups such as pepper pot; thin stimulating soups like consommé and bouillon. Two or more soups can be combined, too, to furnish still other delicious flavors. For instance:

**Pepper Pot Potage**  
1 can condensed pea soup  
1 can condensed tomato soup  
2 cans milk, using soup can for measure

Combine the pea, tomato and pepper pot soups. Then add 2 cans of milk, using soup can for a measure. Heat, but do not boil. Serves 6-8.

Here's another for those with a taste for the unusual:

**Chicken Soup—Mulligatawny Style**  
1 tablespoon butter  
1 tablespoon flour  
1 can milk or light cream (using soup can for measure)  
1 can condensed chicken soup  
1 can condensed tomato soup  
1/2 teaspoon curry powder

Melt the butter in a saucepan, add the flour and cook until frothy, then add the cream and cook until thickened (this is a thin cream sauce). Add the chicken soup, tomato soup and curry powder and heat thoroughly, but do not boil. Serves 4-6.

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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Marek Weber and His Orchestra with Richard Tauber (Tenor).

Blumenfeld, Op. 39 (Lange, arr. Blothgen); Luna Waltz (Lincke)... Marek Weber & his Orchestra. You're Mine (Derance—Sievier); One Song (film "Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs")... Richard Tauber (Tenor) with Orchestra. Tres Jolies—Waltz (Waldteufel)... Marek Weber & his Orchestra. Girls were made to Love and Kiss (Lehar)... Richard Tauber (Tenor) with Orch. Waldteufel Waltz Potpourri (arr. Silbermann)... Marek Weber & his Orchestra.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal

1.01 p.m.—Piano Duets by Rawicz and Landauer.

Liszt in Rhythm (arr. by Rawicz & Landauer). Chopin: Nocturne (arr. by Rawicz & Landauer); Slavonic Rhapsody (Friedmann).

1.13 p.m.—Songs from the Films.

"East side of Heaven"—Hans Your Heart on a Hickory Limb—Bing Crosby with Orchestra. "Aunt Sally"—We'll All Go Riding on a Rainbow; If I had Napoleon's Hat—Cecily Courtenidge. "Balalaika"—Ride, Cossack, Ride—Nelson Eddy (Baritone) with Orchestra.

"Listen, Darling"—Zing! Went the Strings of my Heart—Judy Garland with Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Roy Smeck and his Hawaiian Serenaders.

Fox-Trots On a Little Bamboo Bridge. What Will I Tell My Heart? Moonlight on the Highway; Smoke from a Chimney. Moon Over Miami. You're Laughing at Me. This Year's Kiss (both from "On the Avenue"). I Wasn't Lying when I Said I Love You. Midnight Blue.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Dance Music.

Fox-Trot Ten Little Miles from Town. Slow Fox-Trot They Say Carroll Gibbons & the Savoy Hotel.

Orpheus Fox-Trots You're a Sweet Little Headache. I Have Eyes (both from film "Paris Honey-moon"). Geraldo & his Orch.

Quick-Step You must have been a Beautiful Baby. Tango-Romany Jack Harris & his Orchestra.

Fox-Trots Deep in a Dream. Nice People. Harry Roy & his Orch.

Waltz—Three Green Bonnets Dan Donovan & his Music.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".

7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Programme.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 p.m.—An Hour of Variety.

Vocal Quartet—St. Louis Blues (Handy); I Heard (Redman); The Four Crotchets with Guitar.

Vocal—My Heart Belongs to Daddy (Porter). Pat Kirkwood with Orchestra. Xylophone and Vibraphone—Running Around. Harry Robbins and The Four Bright Sparks.

Vocal—Most Gentlemen Don't Like Love (Porter). Pat Kirkwood with Orchestra. Vibraphone—Treadlin' Harry Robbins and the Four Bright Sparks.

Vocal—Burlesque—Sonny Boy (de Sylva & Others); A Bird in a Gilded Cage (Lamb). Jerry Colonna with Fud and his Fuddy Bears. Organ—Temptation Rag (Lodge); Smash and Grab (Leach). Donald Thorne. Impersonations—Intro.

The Street Singer (Singing "Home"); George Robey; Sophie Tucker (Singing "Some of these days"); Eddie Cantor (Singing "Making Whoopee"); Billy Bennett; Gigg (Singing "Maria").

Africate with piano accomp. Vibraphone and Xylophone—Nitty Woods (Robbins); Buffoon (Confrey).

Harry Robbins with the Four Bright Sparks. Humorous Monologue—Old Sam's Party (Constanduros). Stanley Holloway with Piano. Vocal—I've Got No Strings (film "Pinocchio"). Pat Kirkwood with Orchestra. Vocal Quartet—Sweet Sue, Just You (Harris & Young). The Four Crotchets with Guitar.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.

9.15 p.m.—"The Hope of a New World"—No. 4—"International Justice". Recorded talk by the Archbishop of York.

9.30 p.m.—Violin Solos.

Chanson Arabe (Rimsky-Korsakov, ar. by Kreisler); The Deluge—Prelude (Saint-Saens)...Toscha Seidel with piano accomp.

Romance, Op. 78, No. 8; Danse Champetre, Op. 108, No. 2 (Sibelius)...Emil Telmanyi, with piano accomp.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 p.m.—Operatic Duets.

"Otello" Love Duet (Verdi)...Tiana Lemnitz (Soprano) and Torsten Ralf Tenor with Orchestra.

"The Pearl Fishers"—In the Depths of the Temple (Bizet)...Beniamino Gigli (Tenor) & Giuseppe de Luca (Baritone) with Orchestra.

10.00 p.m.—Bruckner—Symphony No. 4. State Capella Orchestra.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.

### SCHOOL ESCAPES

An escape by boys in a Clyde-side approved school is thought to have been engineered because they were anxious about their parents in a bombed area. A break of the entire school had apparently been planned, but only 22 boys got clear. Some have already been recaptured and the remainder are expected back in their quarters later.

## TALKING PIG TELLS OF CHINESE JUNE ATTACK ON S'HA1

CHINESE SOURCES reported that Shanghai's 5,000,000 Chinese residents are excitedly discussing the story of the talking pig who predicted that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's forces will attack the city next month.

The tale is heard everywhere, in streets, teahouses and buses — repeated by coolies, rickshamen, policemen, storekeepers and housewives.

The story goes like this:

A four-year-old pig, which hitherto exhibited only a normal porcine grunting ability, suddenly spoke up last week to the farmer who owned him and revealed that he was able to talk.

The pig promised important revelations if the farmer fed him 10 pounds of dates, a luxury of which he had dreamed throughout his life. The farmer, who was penniless but also obviously a convincing talker, persuaded a store clerk to give him the dates on credit.

After eating the fruit, the pig pronounced this prophecy:

"Chinese planes will bomb Shanghai in June, and troops will attack the city.

"Rice will rise to 200 dollars (mex) a bag, then drop to 20." As he spoke the last words, the pig rolled over dead.

Either the pig or the farmer was a first class psychologist, since the two things that the Chinese desire most is the recapture of Shanghai by their countrymen and a reduction in the rice price.

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# THE OFFENSIVE IS LAUNCHED

## The Official Account

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In the first stage the enemy sent over massed formations of bombers escorted by similar formations of single and twin-engine fighters. Bombers were for the most part Ju. 87s (Dive-Bombers) with a smaller quantity of He. 111s, Do. 17s and Ju. 88s. Fighter escorts flew in large unwieldy formations from 5,000 to 10,000 ft above the bombers where the protection they afforded was not very effective. Using these tactical formations the enemy made twenty-six attacks during this first stage. He began by renewing his assaults on our shipping. It may well be that this was still regarded as the most vulnerable form of target and easiest to attack, for not only are slow moving ships difficult to defend, but casualties among pilots of defence are always higher when actions are fought above water. He may also have wished to test the strength of our general defences. Success against these would augur well for the next stage. At any rate on the 8th August two convoys were fiercely attacked, one of them twice. Sixty enemy aircraft in the morning and more than a hundred soon after midday, deployed on a front of about twenty miles, tried to sink or disperse a convoy off the Isle of Wight. They succeeded in sinking two ships. In the afternoon at 4.15 more than 130 appeared above another convoy off Bournemouth. This they were able to disperse but they lost fairly heavily in doing so. The enemy renewed the assault three days later, choosing as his targets the towns of Portland and Weymouth as well as convoys in the Thames Estuary and off Harwich. In these attacks he relied greatly on dive-bombers which proved no match for our Hurricanes. Nevertheless, some damage was done both in Portland and Weymouth. This may have encouraged him, for on the 12th August, in the early morning, he launched about 200 aircraft in eleven waves against Dover. Shortly before noon, 150 more enemy planes attacked Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight. By this time, German losses were already very considerable, for 182 aircraft had been destroyed.

On the 13th and 15th attacks on Portsmouth were renewed and in some of them, notably that which began soon after 5 p.m. on the 15th, between 300 and 400 aircraft were employed. The enemy was by now beginning to realise that our fighter force was considerably stronger than he had imagined. It was evidently time to take drastic action. Our fighters must be put out of commission. Therefore, while still maintaining his attacks on coastal towns, he sent large forces to deal with fighter aerodromes in South and South-East England: Dover, Deal, Hawkinge, Martlesham, Lympne, Middle Wallop, Kenley, Biggin Hill, were heavily attacked, some of them many times. A number of the enemy penetrated as far as Croydon.

### German Losses Run Into Hundreds Of Aircraft

Once more the Luftwaffe did a certain amount of damage but at a cost which even Goering must have regarded as excessive. On that day, 15th August, 180 German aircraft are known to have been destroyed. Since the opening of the battle, he had now lost 472 aircraft. Nevertheless, he still returned to the charge, throwing in between 500 and 600 aircraft on the 16th August and about the same number on the 18th. Rochester, Kenley, Croydon, Biggin Hill, Manston, Westmalling, Gosport, Northolt, Tangmere, were the main targets. His losses were again very heavy. On those two days 245 aircraft were shot down. One of them, a Heinkel 111, fell to a Sergeant Pilot flying an un-

armed Anson aircraft of a Training Command. Whether he intentionally rammed the enemy will never be known, for both aircraft fell to the ground interlocked and there were no survivors. On the 18th August, in an evening attack on the Thames Estuary, one squadron alone of thirteen Hurricanes shot down, without loss, an equal number of the enemy in 50 minutes.

In ten days since the opening of the attack on the 8th August, Goering had now lost 687 aircraft. Our own losses during the same period were not light for we lost 153. Sixty pilots were safe though some of them were wounded.

The pace was too hot to last. Goering called a halt and gave his Luftwaffe a rest which lasted for five days. What had he hoped to achieve? Examination of the attacks shows he began by trying to destroy shipping and ports on the South East and South coasts between North Foreland and Portland. This preliminary test must have shown the strength of our defences. Nevertheless, he proceeded with his plan and next directed his attention to Portland and Portsmouth. Whether these objectives were too tough for him or whether he thought four heavy attacks upon them had accomplished his object, he turned away to deliver assaults on Fighter and Bomber Aerodromes, mostly near the coast. Throughout this first stage the tactics he followed were usually to open his attack on objectives near the coast in order to draw off our fighters. These feint attacks were followed thirty or forty minutes later by the real attack delivered against ports or aerodromes on the South Coast between Brighton and Portland.

The chief problem created by these tactics was to have sufficient number of fighters ready to engage the main attack as soon as it could be picked out. Squadrons at forward aerodromes had to be in instant readiness but had at the same time to be protected from bombing or machine-gun attacks. Only on one occasion was a squadron machine-gunned while refuelling at a forward aerodrome and this happened because the protective patrol had not been maintained overhead during the process.

Generally, the enemy attacks were countered by using about half the available squadrons to deal with enemy fighters and the rest to attack the enemy bombers which flew normally at from 11,000 to 15,000 ft, descending frequently to 7,000 or 8,000 ft. in order to drop their bombs. Our fighter tactics at this stage were to deliver attacks from astern on Me.109s, Me.110s. This type of attack proved effective because these aircraft were not then armoured. The success of our fighter tactics at this stage can be gauged by comparison between our losses in pilots and those of the enemy:— ratios about seven to one and they might have been even more striking if so much of the fighting had not taken place over the sea.

### Attack On Inland Aerodromes

Between the end of the first stage and the active beginning of the second, there was, as has been said, an interval of five days which were spent by the Germans in widespread reconnaissance by single aircraft some of which indulged in spasmodic bombing of aerodromes. These operations cost them 39 aircraft shot down. Our losses were ten aircraft, but six pilots were saved. During this lull, Goering evidently decided that a change of objectives was necessary. Perhaps he thought that he had achieved the necessary results and that Portsmouth, together with our

coastal aerodromes, were virtually out of action. Perhaps he was under the impression that inland aerodromes, factories and other industrial targets would not be as stoutly defended. It is more probable, however, that he merely gave the order for the second part of the plan to be put into operation and disregarded the failure of the first part—either deliberately or because he had no alternative. In this next stage diversionary attacks against different parts of the country became less frequent. The main attacks were now delivered on a wider front. The enemy's tactics were also changed. The number of escorting fighters was increased and the size of bomber formations reduced. The covering fighter screen flew at very great heights. Enemy bomber formations were also protected by a box of fighters, some of which flew slightly above the flank or in the rear, others slightly above and ahead and yet others, weaving in and out between and under the formations of bombers. This type of formation succeeded on several occasions in breaking through the forward screens of our fighter forces by sheer weight of numbers and attaining their objectives even after numerous casualties had been inflicted. On other occasions smallish formations of enemy long range bombers deliberately left their fighter escort as soon as it had joined battle and proceeded towards South or South-West London unaccompanied. They suffered heavy casualties when engaged by our rear rank of fighters.

Having thus altered his tactical formations, the enemy proceeded to deliver some 35 major attacks between the 24th August and 5th September. His object, as has been said, was to put out of action inland fighter aerodromes and aircraft factories. He did not, however, disdain purely residential districts in Kent, Thames Estuary and Essex. These could in no case be described as of military importance.

### 800 Aircraft Attack Fighter Aerodromes

From the 24th to the 29th August, he still showed interest in Portland, Dover and Manston, all of which were heavily attacked. He added other targets as well. Several areas in Essex came in for attention. There was fierce fighting over the North Foreland, Gravesend and Deal. At 6.45 p.m. on the 24th, 110 German bombers and fighters met a number of our squadrons in the neighbourhood of Maidstone but turned and fled before they could be engaged.

The next day he returned to Portsmouth and Southampton where, once again he achieved no success. The main attack, delivered at 4 p.m., went astray. A large number of bombs fell into the sea. Heavy assaults were also made in the Dover and Folkestone area and above the Thames Estuary and Kent. These continued with a lull of one day until the 30th August. That day and the next the assault was switched to inland fighter aerodromes. 800 aircraft were used in a most determined effort to destroy or temporarily put out of use the aerodromes at Kenley, North Weald, Hornchurch, Debden, Lympne, Dettling, Duxford, Northolt and Biggin Hill.

The opening of September showed little, if any, falling off in the assaults of the enemy. There were three heavy attacks: on the 1st September, five on the 2nd, one on the 3rd, two on the 4th and 5th. One of the attacks on the 2nd got to within ten miles of London, but most of them were once again directed against fighter aerodromes. This was the last of 35 main attacks delivered in this phase. They cost the German

## VARITY "BAD BOY" IS AWARDED D.S.C.

A Cambridge University "bad boy" has won the D.S.C. for skill, resource and devotion to duty.

He is Temporary Sub-Lieutenant E. D. E. Reed, the Cambridge, Rugger "Blue," who, as the result of a tightening up of discipline, was suspended from Magdalene College in 1937 with another undergraduate because they failed to pass their first-year examinations.

The University authorities decided that work would have to come before sport. Sub-Lieutenant Reed's suspension, however, lasted only a week.

## "IF ANGLO-SAXONS WIN"

SIGNOR ANSALDO, EDITOR OF COUNTESS CIANO'S LEGRHORN NEWSPAPER, "TELEGRAFO," ALLUDED TWICE IN HIS USUAL SUNDAY BROADCAST TO ITALIAN TROOPS TO THE POSSIBILITY OF BRITISH VICTORY.

"If by a desperate coincidence the Anglo-Saxon nations should win," he said, "we need not have any doubt about what kind of peace they would dictate and impose in us. They would try to squeeze the last drop of blood out of the vanquished nations and make them work themselves to the bone."

Later he declared: "In the unfortunate case of an Anglo-Saxon victory the world would have to be under their domination again. But the Axis nations and those of the Tripartite Pact will win in the end, because their aims are just."

## GIRL DEAD: MAN IS DETAINED

The police have detained a man in connection with the death of Catherine Graham, a twenty-two-year-old domestic servant, who was found dead at the base of a bridge across the River Dee at Aberdeen. The man will appear in the police court.

Miss Graham had been dancing in a local hotel on the Wednesday evening, and the police wish to interview two naval men who are thought to have spoken to a couple seen near the bridge. The girl's death appeared to be due to a 20ft. fall.

562 aircraft known to have been destroyed. Our own losses were 219 aircraft, but 132 of our pilots were saved.

During these twelve days, our own tactical dispositions were altered so as to meet the changed form of attack. The effect of this was to cause the enemy to be met in greater strength and farther away from his inland objectives, while such of his aircraft as were successful in eluding this forward defence were dealt with by squadrons farther in the rear.

The heavy task of the defence can be realised by the fact that in these first two phases, this great battle from the 8th August to 5th September inclusive, no fewer than 4,523 fighter patrols, of varying strength in aircraft, were flown in daylight—an average of 150 daily.

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# LARGE AND SMALL UNITS BASEBALL LEAGUES MOOTED

## Corporals Beat Sergeants In Annual Hockey Game

### ARMY TEAMS NOMINATED FOR TENNIS LEAGUE

By "Squaddy"

LAST FRIDAY Middlesex Regiment (The Duke of Cambridge's Own) celebrated their famous battle honour "Albuhera" which was fought on the heights of Albuhera on May 16, 1811.

As is the custom of the Regiment, it was celebrated in true "Diehards" style. They received the name of "Diehards" through this battle when their commanding officer, Col. Inglis, rallied his men together by shouting "Die Hard My Men, Die Hard" and he shouted this as he was mortally wounded.

They commenced the day with other Units to follow them. They the Band and Drums, beating Reveille.

This year the only sporting event was that of the Inter-Mess six-a-side hockey which was won easily by the Corporals' Mess who defeated Sergeants in the final by three clear goals.

In the previous rounds, the Privates lost to the Corporals 4-0, and the Sergeants beat the Officers 5-0.

During the morning the Sergeants entertained the Officers in their mess, and during the evening the gesture was reversed.

#### BASEBALL

IN future Baseball will have a great influence in the Army stationed in the Colony, and as we already know, a stand is being erected on the Chatham Road ground for this purpose.

This is being done to encourage baseball in the Army and give baseball a good start to get on a proper basis, such as football and other sporting events, in the Colony.

Royal Engineers, who are the only baseball team from the Army are not doing so bad and it will be a good form of sport for

#### CHALLENGE BOWLS MATCH

It is learned that a challenge lawn bowls match will be played at Chatham Road on Sunday between Kowloon Football Club and a team representing Hong Kong Softball Association.

throw was that of Pte Lever who threw 43 79 metres. This was 113ft 1 1/2ins, and not as good as his previous throw in the Command sports.

Lever also had the best individual throw for the Javelin with 48 43 metres (157ft 5 1/2ins.)

The Chinese best throw was that of Lo Shin-shuk with 41 53 metres (135ft 1 1/2ins.).

In the long distance runs the Indian personnel of the Army team were much too good for the Chinese and had the first four competitors in both runs.

In the hurdles Army were well extended and it was only for the fine jumping of Capt. Skipwith in the last take over that they managed to win by a few feet.

The 1,000 metres race was also a tight race with the Chinese taking the lead twice but could not just make the last stretch.

In this race L/Cpl. Cox (Middlesex) ran well, as also Pte Goodair who has run for the Battalion on and off for a good number of seasons. I am told that this would be the last season that Cox would be running for the Battalion.

#### TENNIS

THE Army teams for the Second and Third Division for the Hong Kong Lawn Tennis League are as follows:—

2nd Division  
Cpl. L. A. Newnham, M.C.  
Capt. R. E. Guest, Capt. C. H. R. Hyde and Lieut. T. A. Pearce.  
3rd Division  
Sgt. Denyer, Sgt. Webb, Sgt. Murray and S/Sgt. Megson.



#### TO-DAY'S TENNIS PROGRAMME

Following is to-day's "B" Division Tennis League programme:

C.R.C. v A.T.C.  
K.C.C. v C.S.C.C.

C.R.C.—Liang Sai-wah and Pang Oi-lam; Choy Ping-fun and Ng Kam-chuen; Wong Siu-wing and Luk Ting-cheong.

K.C.C.—A. E. P. Guest and F. Groves; F. Zimmermann and R. T. Broadbridge; N. A. E. Mackay and R. S. Capell.

The match between South China and Kowloon Tong had been postponed, owing to the unfitness of the ground of the home team.

#### FIRST DIVISION MATCH

Recrelo will meet South China at King's Park in a First Division match postponed from yesterday.

### SOME PECULIAR SITUATIONS IN FOOTBALL SEEN

FOOTBALL HAS BEEN responsible for some peculiar situations this season, the least odd being the award of a cup tie to Barnsley this season, because of their higher league position, compared with Grimsby Town, their opponents in an undecided tie. Then there is the Selhurst Park incident with referee and both teams leaving the field, only to return and continue from where they left off following a difference of opinion, writes a Home Correspondent.

Another strange football happening was seen in a Rugby League game. Though unconnected with Soccer, it does recall perhaps the strangest happening of all. The Rugby League encounter concerned Huddersfield and Castleford who drew a cup tie. Some of the Castleford men would not stay for extra time, owing to war time duties. Huddersfield, with no opposition, scored a try which was converted and were allowed to

count the five points which enabled them to proceed to the next round.

#### Parallel In Ireland

The parallel to this case occurred in Ireland some years ago when a team did not arrive for a match. A rule ordained that, to get the points, the team present, in the absence of one side, must score a goal. So the eleven players duly turned out, the forwards dribbled towards goal and one of them shot hard—but not true. The ball sailed wide. With no opposition there was nobody to take the goal-kick, and so the game had to be left drawn.

The Selhurst Park trouble arose over a penalty which Brentford objected to. After a little argument the referee left the field and the players followed. Discussions ensued, with the referee threatening appropriate action but, after fifteen minutes, all went back to the field. The penalty was taken and converted, and the game ended in a 5-0 win for Palace.

A sequel is almost certain because the referee will have to make a full report of the incident to the appropriate authorities. Crystal Palace do not appear to be at fault but, unfortunately, it was the third time this season that there had been an "incident" on their ground.

#### Grimsby Remembers

Grimsby are not likely to forget their fate in the cup, when Barnsley were given the tie because of a superior league record. Grimsby, in an endeavour to secure amends, suggested that they should take a share of the gates of Barnsley's third round ties, and there seemed bright hopes of this state of affairs prevailing until Barnsley said "No!"

The latest hint, however, is that the League may be asked to consider the case. It certainly seems the right thing to do because Grimsby were not beaten in the cup game. Sheer bad luck, and the strangest of decisions by the powers that be, ordained that they had been eliminated. A good run in the cup, with consequent income from attendances, is more necessary in these days than ever, and compensation in the way of a "gate" share, will not completely heal the wound, but it will ease the pain.

### VETERANS' SHOOT

The Hong Kong Special Guard Company "Hughes Group" held their first Rifle meeting at Kowloon City Range on Sunday. As this was the first time that some of the members have had a chance to fire a Service rifle since 1914-1918, the results were very satisfactory.

At the close of the meet, a competitive detail match was held, which resulted in two details of eight members each scoring a total of 115. The winning detail was decided when Mr. Langston and Mr. Roscoe shot it out, and the result was an overwhelming victory for the latter.



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## "BABY" JOCKEY GOES BACK TO SCHOOL

Edward Mumford, "baby" among National Hunt riders, has had his path to fame as a jockey cut short unexpectedly, writes a correspondent from London.

After he had ridden so well in a hurdle race at Cheltenham on his first appearance in public, the boy was taken in hand by Freddie Fox, the ex-jockey, and on his recommendation Fred Templeman decided to take the boy as an apprentice at his Lambourne stable.

Since then two events have happened. First Eddie has had his thirteenth birthday, and second, the education authorities have got on his track.

### Wanted At School

This is what his father, Mr. George Mumford, an amateur rider and a butcher at Culworth, near Banbury, told a reporter recently at Southwell:

"Eddie went to Lambourne, and each morning for a week he rode out twice. He went to school in the afternoon. Then the education authorities informed Mr. Templeman the boy must attend school in the morning as well as the afternoon.

As he could not do that and carry out his work as well, I decided to have him back at Culworth to continue his studies at the village school until he is 14.

"It is a great pity, because he had been promised rides by a number of trainers. Possibly I shall take out a licence to train myself so that I can have the boy's indentures."

So Eddie, who had his second ride in public on River Fox has now to bend his head over his lessons for nearly another year.

# PLANS LAID BY AAU TO AID U.S. DEFENCE



## BOWLS TEAMS

Following clubs have selected their lawn bowls teams for Saturday:—

H.K.E.R.C.

W. E. Macfarlane, E. L. Groom, J. F. Barron and L. de Rome (Skip).  
A. P. Tarbuck, J. R. Way, C. E. Gahagan and J. K. Sloan (Skip).  
A. F. Paul, W. Stoker, A. G. Gardner and J. F. Lunny (Skip).  
Reserve:—W. Stonehouse.

## GOLF COMPETITIONS

Results in the Adamson Cup Golf competition played during the week-end were:

### FIRST ROUND

W. Stoker (15) beat G. W. Reeve (11) 5 and 4; A. E. Clarke (11) beat S. T. Butlin 1 hole.

### SEMI-FINAL

Stoker beat G. E. Willerton (12) 3 and 2; Clarke beat F. Buckle (12) 4 and 3.

First round results of the Junior Section Championships were:  
W. J. Buller beat A. L. Powell;  
W. V. Ahern beat R. M. Keown;  
J. Young beat D. W. Becken;  
H. Smith beat T. B. Low.

The Stableford Competition was cancelled owing to insufficient entries.

ONE OF THE greatest efforts ever made in the name of physical fitness is surely that of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States. They pledged to the President of the United States full and complete cooperation in connection with civilian physical preparedness as an aid to National Defence.

It is easy to make pledges, but difficult to keep them, but the manner in which the A.A.U. have started their task suggests that there need be no fear of their pledge being broken.

A plan calculated to stimulate interest has been submitted to the 41 district associations which supervise sports throughout the 48 States. Divisions in outlying districts are being formed, each with local autonomy, and as many of them will function in areas which have hitherto, been undeveloped so far as the pursuit of athletic sport is concerned, there are likely to be thousands of newcomers to organised athletics, a point which must help in the fitness of the nation.

### Thousands To Learn

By preaching and teaching in every section of the vast continent thousands of young people will, perhaps for the first time, be taught the advantages of wholesome competitive athletics.

When considering the vast expanse of the United States it will not be easy to complete the anticipated scheme, but progress already made spells success.

While there is still no news of the Amateur Athletic Association in Great Britain, making any big plans for the Summer, the ruling body is not idle.

### Championships In June

Southern junior championships have been fixed for June at the Polytechnic Stadium, at Chiswick, a venue that may prove very popular for sporting events this Summer.

While it is good to know that the A.A.A. is still in existence, there is still awaited news of any proposed meeting of front rank importance this Summer. Difficulties in getting the cooperation of the Service sports associations do not appear likely and there would seem to be every opportunity of having a real good war-time championship meeting, or an "Allied Games."

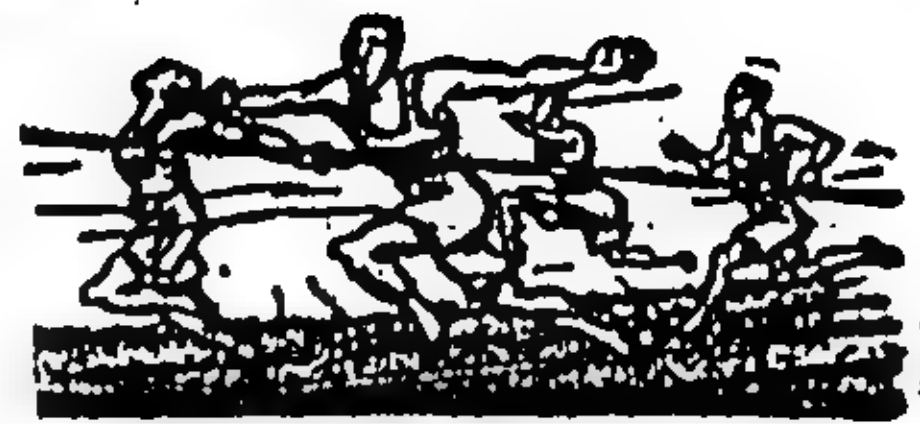
### Track Meet Played

Several of the clubs are doing their best to keep track sport alive, and if any of them were to stage a meeting and get Sydney Wooderson there to attack his mile record, it would, without doubt, show that there is a public for track racing.

An attack on his mile record of 4 mins. 6.2 secs. by Wooderson is not just wishful thinking. He has stated that he is ready for such an attack. Throughout the winter Wooderson has been running in cross-country events which have kept him fit. He admits this and, on the eve of the cross-country season's closing, says "from now I will concentrate on the mile."

This comment was passed after he had finished fifth in the Southern Counties race, the feature of which was not so much Wooderson being relegated to fifth place as it was the defeat of C. T. Carter. Wooderson never has intimated that he is a cross-country champion; rather he has often said that he undertook this form of sport to keep in trim.

Carter has been the most successful man across country this season. In ten successive races he beat all opposition but then came his set back in the Southern. There were excuses, however, but not from Carter. He had been forced to cry off from an earlier event owing to a pulled muscle and the effect of this was obvious. Even so Carter might have won but for misjudging the course of 7½ miles at one point. He ran extremely well and, at the finish, was only a few yards behind R. G. Gosney.



## WAH YAN OLD BOYS' SPORTS

The Wah Yan Past Students' Association will hold its fourth annual sports meeting at Caroline Hill on Sunday at 10.30 a.m.

The programme is:  
Long Jump, "B" Grade 50-metres, "A" Grade 100 metres, Shot Put, High Jump.

Little Visitors' Race, 50 metres race (for women workers of the Wah Yan War Relief Association), "A" Grade 200 metres, Obstacle race.

Tug of War (Old Boys v Present Boys), Football Match (Old Boys v Present Boys), 400-metres relay (Open to the Colony).

## JUNIOR CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

Six games in the Colony Junior Chess Championship were completed during the past week, and 21 remain to be played before the Tournament will be closed.

The most important game of the week in the Tournament was started but had to be adjourned with Biriukoff holding an advantage of a pawn over To Yu-lau.

A win for Biriukoff will almost assure him of the Junior Chess Championship.

The week's results were:—R. C. Gardner beat E. M. Petrov, Un Kwai-yung beat J. Tausz, R. C. Gardner drew with Un Kwai-yung, A. Kurrik beat Wm. Lee, R. C. Danenberg beat J. Grefalda and A. Morton beat J. H. d'Almeida.

## BASEBALL MEETING TO-DAY

The annual meeting of the H.K. Baseball League will be held to-day at 6 p.m. at the Texaco Company. Business will include the election of officers and the fixing of the opening date for the official season.

# MISS HARDWICK TO APPLY FOR REINSTATEMENT AS AMATEUR

NO DIFFICULTIES are presented when a sportsman, or sportswoman, decides to change from amateurism to professionalism; the trouble begins when he, or she, desires to return to the amateur ranks.

The question comes to mind when considering the case of Miss Mary Hardwick, who changed her status, towards the close of 1940, and began a tour with Miss Alice Marbe, W. T. Tilden and Don Budge.

Miss Hardwick has, incidentally, won a second victory over Miss Marbe, the Wimbledon and American title-holder. This was at Johake (Arizona) where after losing the first set 5-7, she ran out with 6-3, 8-6 to take the match.

### Reinstatement Wanted

It has been stated that Miss Hardwick will apply for reinstatement as an amateur after the war and should this occur her case would, naturally, receive every consideration.

Miss Hardwick, shortly after changing her status, explained her own point of view very clearly. It was noteworthy that, when she gave an interview, she spoke, not

so much of the tennis she would play but of the use to which her services as a professional could be put.

"It was hard to give up my amateur standing," she said, "you can understand what that sort of thing means to a family like mine. But I don't want to be just a useless refugee. It is the only way I have of making any money and the only way I can contribute to the British war fund. I've been working a lot with the Bundles for Britain committee, but I wanted to contribute directly. First I had to persuade my family; that was not easy; finally they understood. My brothers were the worst, they're not much more than schoolboys really, although they're fighting. The family wanted me to stay in the country (America) but they couldn't send me money. In every single town, I'm going to meet with the Bundles for Britain Committee. Maybe I'll make speeches that will help the cause; I'd like to. I won't mind the

travelling and playing so often because I'll know that every night some of the money is going into the war fund."

### To Bring Family

"When the war is over," added Miss Hardwick, "I'm going to bring my family out here for a holiday. They won't have any money by then and that would be wonderful. They must see this country where everybody has been so nice to me."

Later Miss Hardwick said that she had told Mr. Holcombe Ward, President of the United States L.T.A., that she would continue to play with the same spirit as if they were all Wightman Cup matches, and that it had always been that way.

She has certainly maintained that promise for her matches with Miss Marbe have been fought, not like exhibition games, but as though she were battling on the Wimbledon centre court in the final of the championship.

### Kalogropoulos Reinstated

A few months ago the question of restoring amateur status occurred with A. Kalogropoulos, of Greece, who for eighteen months in 1933/34 was a professional, and was then reinstated.

An application last year to play in an American tournament was refused because of his one time professionalism and he took the matter further, with satisfactory results.

He was wrongly informed that there was a clause in the rules that "once having been a professional he could never be classed as amateur again." That is wrong, because there is a law which says "persons only who have never lost, abandoned or recovered their status as amateurs shall be eligible to compete," etc., and in those three words "recovered their status," which prove that amateurism can be regained.



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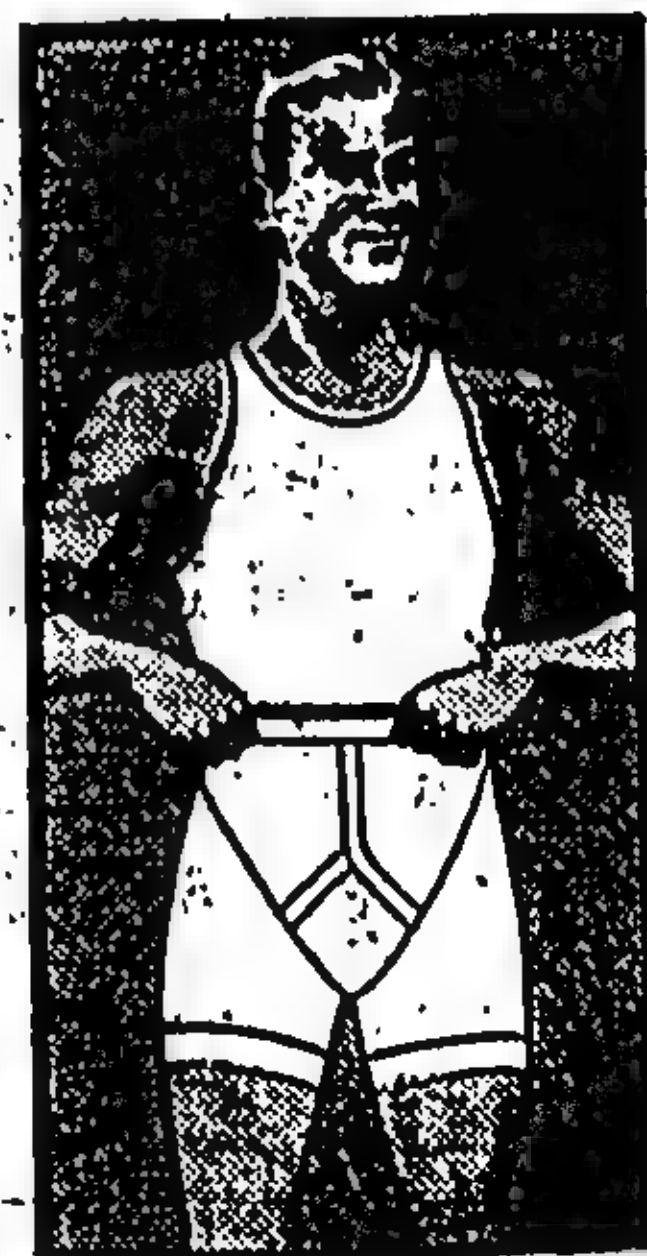
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## Fall Of Amba Alagi Virtually Ends Campaign

### CRITICAL STAGE REACHED

The critical stage has now been reached where American supplies to the battlefields must be safeguarded, says the "Stockholm Dagensnyheter."

The U.S. Navy and Air Force must intervene, and it is only a question of what form the intervention will take.

One must assume that the President is now preparing public opinion for convoys.

A bridge of vessels across the Atlantic makes the danger of hostilities between the Axis and the U.S.A. imminent.

The German press has been very reserved in its treatment of American affairs.

Hitler's recent speech revealed that Germany now admits the importance of American help and the German press has now suddenly abandoned its caution and is describing President Roosevelt as really responsible for the war. —Reuter.

### NAZI BOMBERS KEEP ON GROUND

Only a few hostile aircraft were reported over Britain, mostly over coastal districts, up to a late hour last night.

It appeared unlikely that a large-scale attack would develop anywhere. —Reuter.

## Power Of Offensive Broken

**THE COLLAPSE OF ITALIAN RESISTANCE AT AMBA ALAGI AND THE SURRENDER OF THE DUKE OF AOSTA MEANS THE PRACTICAL TERMINATION OF THE ABYSSINIAN CAMPAIGN.**

Reuter's diplomatic correspondent learns there are still a few scattered pockets where small bodies of Italians are holding out but their power of offensive has been completely broken and they can be safely left to be dealt with at leisure by the Patriot forces.

The forces which will be liberated as a result of these very successful operations are not inconsiderable and may have a decisive influence not only on the war which is being waged in the Libyan desert but on operations against Iraq and Syria.

The magnificent services in Abyssinia of the South African Air Force have proved the quality and skill of these fighters and bombers and they will be especially welcome at the present juncture, when there are distinct indications of a turn in the tide in Libya.

It seems to have reached high water mark at Sollum and not to have made any further inroads

at Tobruk, rather the reverse if anything.

It is yet too early to forecast where Germany will attempt to exercise the greatest pressure.

### "Flying Bridge"

There is no evidence that large forces are being sent to Syria. A number of troops and planes have been rushed to Iraq but it will not be easy to build up a substantial force, especially one with striking powers, by aeroplanes alone.

Although the Germans have boasted of their "flying bridge" to Tripoli, it is physically impossible for them to have conveyed by air heavy tanks such as have appeared in Cyrenaica.

It becomes increasingly evident that they must have been sent across with French connivance. —Reuter.

## SOVIET ORGANISING PARASHOTS

The Soviet Union, which originated the technique of parachute soldiers, has taken a leaf out of Britain's defence book in co-opting civilian defence against this new form of warfare.

The Soviet radio stated yesterday that 13,000 miners were among a large number of citizens who took part in defence exercises in the important industrial centre of Stalino (formerly Hughesorka).

Parachutists unsuccessfully tried to take the mines, radio station and metallurgical station.

Stalino lies in the Don Basin, in the Ukraine just north of the Black Sea, and is the centre of rich coal, iron and manganese ores. It has a population of 300,000. —Reuter.

### NO REPRISALS BY VICHY EXPECTED

The Berlin correspondent of the Madrid newspaper "Alcazar" reports that it is not expected in Berlin that the Vichy Government will take reprisals for the British bombing of Syrian aerodromes.

It is felt, however, that Petain and Darlan are studying what are termed "protective measures." —Reuter.

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### BRITISH CIVILIANS EVACUATING

The evacuation of Syria and Lebanon by British, American and Palestine subjects, on the advice of their consuls, is reported in a despatch to the Independent French Agency.

Mining of the road from Beirut to northern Palestine is reported but unconfirmed. —Reuter.

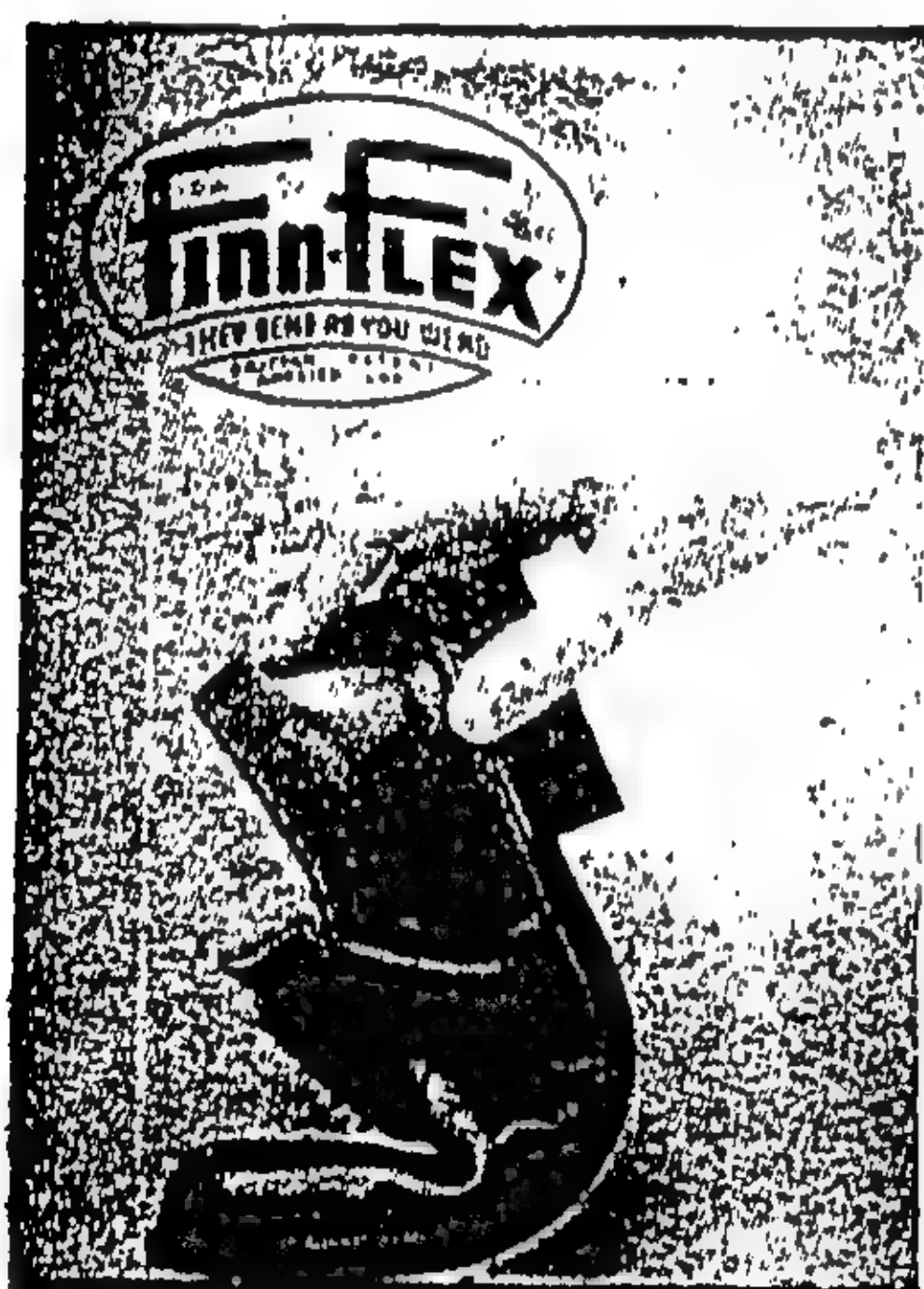
### TRIBUTE BY GEN. SMUTS

General Jan Smuts, South African Premier, has sent a message to General Cunningham, who commands the Imperial forces in East Africa.

The message runs: "I send you our warm congratulations on the crowning victory of Amba Alagi which is a just reward for your brilliant leadership and the high quality of your brave officers and men."

"The whole Abyssinian campaign will take a high place in the annals of warfare and will add an illustrious chapter to African and South African history." —Reuter.

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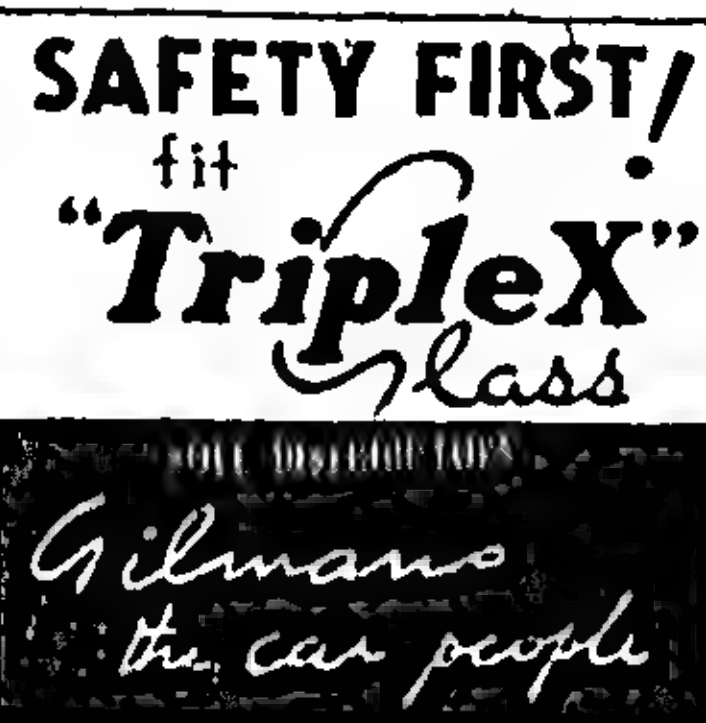
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## SOVIET MAKING A DEAL

The Soviet Army has begun its Spring manoeuvres with a considerable concentration of troops in the region of Tashkent, near the frontier of Iran, according to a despatch from the "New York Times". Ankara correspondent quoted by Ankara radio last night.

The correspondent cites diplomatic reports in Ankara as indicating that Russia and Germany "would appear to be arranging some sort of joint action in the Middle East."

He specifically mentions reports of negotiations for the use by Germany of Russian ships on the Black Sea to transport war materials to Russian ports for transit to Iran and Iraq.—Reuter.

## Duke Of Aosta's Message

The Duke of Aosta and Mussolini exchanged messages before the surrender of Amba Alagi.

The Duke of Aosta, after showing his surrender was no longer avoidable, said, according to Rome radio: "I am comforted in this tragic and sad moment with the certainty of having done all that was humanly possible."

"But the war is not finished. Soon we shall return to these lands once more, drenched with Italian blood for the glory of our country."

The Duke replied: "You and your soldiers have fought heroically. The Italian people have followed your stand with admiration and share your certainty for the future." — Reuter.

## Vichy Pleased

The Franco-German negotiations continue to make "satisfactory progress," it was officially announced in Vichy according to the German news agency last night.

Permission to enter the occupied northern and western areas is to be granted to officials and leaders of industrial and agricultural concerns provided their presence is essential for administrative and economic purposes.

## LAND IN CYPRUS

### Thrilling Escape Of Remnants Of Force Revealed

#### ROOSEVELT TO ASK CONGRESS FOR DECISION?

According to reports circulating in Washington yesterday President Roosevelt has discussed with legislative leaders the possibility that he will soon send to Congress a special message on foreign affairs, says Reuter.

IT IS NOW POSSIBLE TO REVEAL THAT A PARTY OF IMPERIAL TROOPS WHO WERE REMNANTS OF THE HISTORIC REARGUARD AT MOUNT OLYMPUS, IN RAGS, SOME OF THEM ILL AND WOUNDED, HAVE REACHED THE SHORES OF CYPRUS AFTER MOST ASTONISHING ESCAPES AMONG THE GREEK AEGEAN ISLANDS.

They tell stories of desperate resistance against impossible odds, when Nazi 'planes, tanks and infantry, in massed assaults, tried to smash their line.

One Anzac said: "The Germans came on like men possessed and determined to be slaughtered. We mowed them down like flies."

"ONE RIVER WHERE WE MADE A STAND WAS SO CHOKED WITH GERMAN BODIES YOU COULD WALK ACROSS."

"Man for man we were better than the Germans, but although our artillery was magnificent we had not swarms of tanks and 'planes, which was the real secret of the German success."

When eventually the tanks broke their lines, these men began to march to the coast, rations exhausted, without blankets and with most of their equipment discarded. Day and night they trudged on.—Reuter.

## VICHY'S BETRAYAL DISAVOWED BY GEN. DE GAULLE

A COMPLETE DISAVOWAL of "agreements" between the Vichy Government and Germany is contained in a declaration by General de Gaulle to the British Government and the chiefs of Allied Governments in London.

It states that the Vichy "government" has placed itself in a position which deprives itself of all independence with regard to the invader.

The source of the Vichy so-called government lies exclusively in the person of an old man who for many years had been known to be enfeebled by age.

The declaration continues: "Firstly France cannot and must not be held responsible for acts supposedly committed in her name by rulers who usurped power and subjected themselves to the enemy."

"Secondly the French nation is continuing the war by means of all her military forces and territories outside enemy control, and should therefore be considered a belligerent nation by all states and as an ally by those who fight the common enemies." — Reuter.

of certain categories of prisoners of war is at present under consideration.—Reuter.

## The Zamzam Disaster

IT WAS DECLARED IN TORONTO YESTERDAY THAT AT LEAST 23 CANADIANS WERE ON BOARD THE STEAMER "ZAMZAM," LOST WHILE CARRYING A BRITISH-AMERICAN AMBULANCE UNIT.—REUTER.

## MADRID AND DUKE'S SURRENDER

Fair prominence was given in the Madrid press yesterday to the surrender of the Duke of Aosta and his troops, particularly in the newspaper "Informaciones," which prints large headlines above the news, says Reuter.

## SPITFIRE PILOTS MAKE HAY

Four Spitfires patrolling over the Channel yesterday afternoon encountered 10 Messerschmidt fighters, shot down five of them in as many minutes without loss to themselves and then, with ammunition spent, raced home safely though pursued by over 30 other Messerschmids.

Two of the Spitfire pilots got two each and the third got one, says the Air Ministry news service.

Only one German had time to bale out, the others crashing into the sea in their machines.

"It was grand," said one pilot, "but I could not stay long, for as soon as I had got my two, I saw about 25 other 'yellow noses' (Messerschmids) going at us and I had no more ammunition." — Reuter.

#### Revenge

The fight gave the pilots revenge, for earlier in the day a formation of ME109's had pounced on two machines from the same squadron and shot them down. Both pilots baled out and were saved.

This squadron now claims 87 victories.—British Wireless.



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# DOSE OF OWN MEDICINE

## R.A.F. Pounds Away At Nazis In Libya

### Tanks Put Out Of Action

A LARGE FORMATION of R.A.F. and South African aircraft carried out attacks on enemy tanks between Fort Capuzzo and Hali-faya "Hellfire" Pass on Sunday, according to yesterday's R.A.F. communique in Cairo.

A number of tanks were put out of action and serious damage inflicted on many more transport vehicles.

British fighters made extensive patrols but no decisive engagements with the enemy resulted.

During the night of Friday/Saturday aerodromes at Memshi and Birehleta were raided, and Benghazi and Derna were also attacked on the following night by British bombers.

Full details of these operations are not yet available but it is known that considerable damage was caused.

During operations over Tobruk three German dive-bombers were shot down by A.A. fire.

In Abyssinia, British aircraft continue to assist the troops in mopping up operations. Attacks are mainly confined to enemy motor transport retreating along the roads.

#### Syria Bombings

In Syria, bombing attacks were made on Palmyra aerodrome, where one large German transport aircraft and one Heinkel III were destroyed by fire.

German aircraft on Damascus aerodrome and at Rayak were also bombed and machine-gunned.

Raided were also made on Raschid aerodrome, in Iraq.

#### Raid On Rhodes

A number of fires were started at Calais aerodrome, on the island of Rhodes, as a result of a raid carried out on Saturday night.

During enemy attacks on Allied aerodromes in Crete, one Dornier 17 and another unidentified aircraft were shot down by A.A. guns.

From all these operations one British aircraft is missing. Reuter.

### LICENCE PUZZLE

Sir, There are many questions which I would like to ask and would appreciate answers (if any).

(a) Why is it that some Export Licences are held back for over a period of sometimes a week, when others, which are for the same destination, are signed on the same day? Maybe the staff could enlighten us.

(b) Why is it that they refuse to give an explanation why some Licences are refused? Haven't we got a right to know? Aren't we tax-paying citizens?

(c) Why don't they employ competent men who know right away the nature of the application without enquiring from the Exporters, (after a delay of five or six days, whether intentional or not, I do not know).

(d) Why do they insist on exact date of departure of the steamers when they know that it is against the Regulations for any shipping company to impart such information?

(e) Why do they insist on any applications for alteration in the Licence Form to be made within 7 days from the date of applications when they do not return same till 10 or 12 days later?

(f) Why do Civil Servants insist on being incivil?

"EASY MONEY."

### CANADIANS HOLD SPORTS GALA

The Princess Royal yesterday attended a gala sports meeting of the Royal Canadian Signals of which she is Colonel-in-Chief.

Lieut-General A. G. L. McNaughton, Canadian Corps Commander, Major-General V. W. Odum, G.O.C., Second Canadian Division, and other senior officers were present.—British Wireless.

### JAPAN AIDS AXIS INTRIGUES

A sensational story of how Japan has been assisting Axis intrigues in the Middle East is reported in the "News-Chronicle" by Mr. Gedye, well-known ex-"Daily Telegraph" correspondent in Central Europe.

In the underground campaign throughout the Moslem countries in the Middle East inciting the Moslems to a Jihad, Gedye reveals, the Japanese Consul in Beirut, who is a Japanese Moslem graduate of the famous Alazhar University, Cairo, and who speaks fluent Arabic, has been assiduously distributing propaganda urging "Asia for the Asiatics."

The Japanese, Gedye alleges, have been allowing German and Italian espionage organisations to use Japanese diplomatic bags. Central News.

### GERMAN STEAMER MYSTERY

The mystery of the whereabouts of the German freighter "Lech" (3,290 tons) which left Rio de Janeiro on April 28, has deepened following a report made by officers of the Brazilian vessel "Pirangy."

When the "Pirangy" arrived in Rio on Monday, an officer who was on the bridge on the night of May 4 declared that off Abrolhos, south of Bahia, he saw several ship's boats in which sailors made signals with lights.

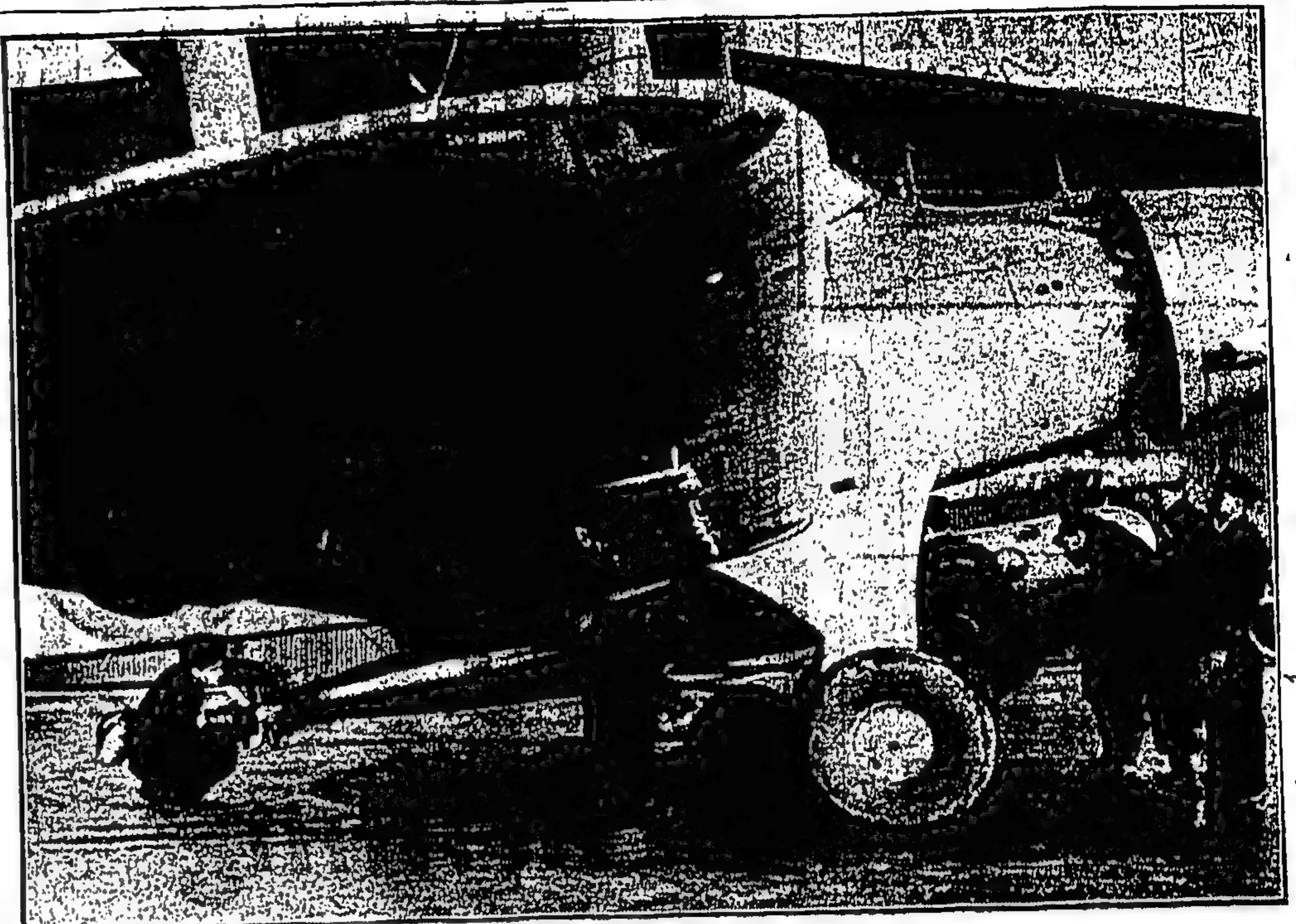
The officer was unable to identify the boats.

The same night the wireless operator of the "Pirangy" deciphered an SOS from the German freighter "Lech" addressed to Bahia radio station.

It is recalled that reports circulating a fortnight ago asserted that the "Lech" had been intercepted by a British auxiliary off Bahia and scuttled herself. These reports were not substantiated.—Reuter.

#### CARRYING ON

The Indian population of Eritrea have not suffered casualties on account of the war, according to an Indian businessman just returned to Karachi, says Reuter.



Loading a torpedo on to an "Albacore," the Navy's latest torpedo-carrying aircraft. This pilot is watching the torpedo being loaded before taking off for a dummy attack on a target ship.

### RASCHID ENVOY TALKS WITH IBN SAUD

Raschid Ali's Finance Minister has already had two interviews with King Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia and has extended his stay in Saudi Arabia by 48 hours, according to a Baghdad message to Vichy yesterday quoted by Reuter.

### Pilot Officer's Pluck

Splendid pluck and endurance were shown by a young pilot officer engaged in an attack on the aerodrome of Gazala, Libya.

Diving very low with a total disregard for heavy ground fire, he sprayed two large enemy aircraft on the ground until they were destroyed.

He then swooped on to a concentration of mechanised transport, braving a hail of machine-gun bullets.

He received wounds in the head and shoulders and was losing blood rapidly when he turned the aircraft towards the Egyptian frontier, 250 miles away.

Lacking sufficient strength to reach his squadron's base he made a successful landing within the British lines, where he fainted as he was helped from the cockpit.—British Wireless.

### SEEKING HARMONY IN DACCA

During his visit, the Home Minister of the Government of Bengal invited suggestions from members of the Central Peace Committee and other prominent people for the restoration of communal harmony in Dacca.—Reuter.

## HIGH CONFIDENCE OF EMPIRE TROOPS IN MIDDLE EAST

"VISITING THE NEW ZEALAND, Australian and British troops, I found them all convinced they can face and smash anything the Totalitarian troops can bring against them," Mr. Peter Fraser, Prime Minister of New Zealand, declared at a Press interview in Cairo yesterday.

Questioned about the Pacific, Mr. Fraser said that New Zealand wanted peace but was prepared to stand up against aggression there, as in the Middle East or Britain, and for that purpose would, if necessary, use all her manpower and resources.

"We must hope for the best but prepare for the worst," he said, emphasising that the Japanese have shown no personal animosity against the Australians and the New Zealanders.

Discussing the events in Greece, Mr. Fraser said that no matter has been more thoroughly discussed with the Dominions than the expedition in Greece.

He added: "I feel the right thing was done."

"To have deserted Greece, it would have been like deserting a friend."

"No military advance would be compensated for the disgrace in leaving the comrades without some effort to help them."

#### Perfect Unity

Mr. Fraser said that General Freyberg, V.C., commanding the New Zealanders, told him he had never thought that they would succeed during the retreat crossing the Corinth Canal.

They had a most difficult task in covering the retreating British Imperial Forces and showed throughout perfect unity and initiative.—Reuter.

### SMALL TRADING ON STOCK MARKET

Turnover on the London Stock Exchange yesterday was small, with price movements confined to narrow limits. Gilt-edged were easier on the switchover of interest towards the London war savings campaign. Foreign bonds were steady except for Spanish 4 per cents which lost 2½ to 2½. Home rails recorded useful gains. Industrials featured improvements in iron and steels, shippings and textiles. Wall Street was dull but steady.—Reuter.

### AUSTRALIA AND EMPIRE AIR SCHEME

THE COMMONWEALTH AIR MINISTER, MR. McEWEN, DECLARED IN MELBOURNE YESTERDAY THAT AUSTRALIA IS ENTIRELY ABREAST OF THE EXTRA COMMITMENTS UNDER THE EMPIRE AIR SCHEME AND WAS REMEDYING ANY LAG IN PERSONNEL QUICKLY. He recalled it had been officially announced a few days ago that many Australian Air Force squadrons were being formed for service in theatres of war overseas.—Reuter.

### CHINESE MINISTER OF FOOD

The appointment of Mr. Hsu Kan, Vice-Minister of Finance, as first Chinese Minister of Food, will be announced at the meeting of the Executive Yuan to-day, it is learned in authoritative quarters in Chungking.

Mr. Tsou Lin, Finance Commissioner of Kwangtung, will be appointed Vice-Minister of Finance.—Reuter.

### LUNCHEON TO THAI'S MINISTER

In honour of the Thai Minister in London a luncheon was given yesterday by Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs.

The guests included Lord C. Borne, Lady Ravensdale, Sydney Muspratt, Mr. Ashley Clarke and Mr. Channon.—Reuter.



# Duke Of Aosta Surrendering Personally At Noon To-Day

## Clean-Up At Other Sectors Now Beginning

THE DUKE OF AOSTA himself will surrender at noon to-day with his staff officers, it was announced in London yesterday in connection with the Viceroy of Abyssinia's handing over of Amba Alagi to the British Imperial forces.

Units of the Sudan Defence Force have occupied an important sector in the Gondar area and in south Abyssinia have captured an important road junction. Eight hundred prisoners were taken including colonels and staff officers.

It is too early yet to say whether the Duke of Aosta's surrender will lead to the end of the Abyssinian campaign, it was stated in military circles in Cairo last night.

It was pointed out that there are approximately two Italian divisions concentrated at Jimma and the same number at Gondar, and with the help of the rains these may hold out until the end of the rains.

On the other hand, when they receive the news of the Duke of Aosta's surrender, they may decide to throw in their hands.

However, military circles stated that in a few days they would be better able to gauge the effect of the capture of Amba Alagi, in which South Africans, Indians, Sudan Defence Force, Patriots and British troops participated.

Importance of the capture of the important road junction of Dulle was stressed.

### Escape Cut Off

Only reasonable chance for the two Italian divisions concentrated in Jimma and the like district to escape has thereby been cut off, unless they take to the bush.

However, the Italians now have a particular aversion to the bush owing to the terror of the Patriot forces, who are now lurking there.

Nevertheless this district is nearly the size of England and it may make some time to crush enemy resistance unless they follow the Viceroy's example and throw up the sponge.

Dealing with the German sally from Fort Capuzzo, military circles said that the R.A.F. gave them a taste of their own medicine with a large dose of dive-bombing.

A German attempt with two columns to force Hell Fire Pass was unsuccessful and the Germans again recuperate their losses in the now much trampled Sollum area.—Reuter.

### Cairo Communique

The Duke of Aosta's surrender is the most important item in yesterday's G.H.Q. Cairo communique, which describes widespread and successful operations.

The communique states: "Libya—no change in the situation at Tobruk.

In the area south of Sollum two enemy columns supported by numerous tanks crossed the frontier but withdrew after being engaged by forward elements of our mechanised forces.

Abyssinia—after allowing the Italian forces at Amba Alagi one full day in which to collect their wounded, the formal surrender of the whole of the forces in the area is taking place to-day.

It is estimated that prisoners will number 7,000 together with considerable quantities of guns and material.

### Last To Leave

It has further been arranged, in compliance with his urgent re-

quest that he should be the last to leave, that the Duke of Aosta, accompanied by Gen. Trezzani, and all the Duke's personal staff of officers, will surrender at 12 noon to-morrow, May 20.

Units of the Sudan Defence Force, assisted by Patriots, have captured an important position in the Gondar sector, inflicting serious damage on the enemy. Operations are proceeding satisfactorily.

In the southern areas our troops captured Dulle, important road junction 35 miles south of Selassiamanna, on May 16.

As a result of this successful operation we captured 800 prisoners, including two colonels, a number of staff officers, two guns and two armoured cars. In other sectors our general advance is continuing in spite of heavy rain.

Iraq no change to report in the situation at Basra and Habbaniyah.

### Italian Version

Italy now officially admits the surrender of Amba Alagi, stronghold of Abyssinia.

An Italian High Command communique states: "The enemy, in recognition of the Italian troops distinguishing themselves in Amba Alagi, rendered military honours.

"Officers were allowed to keep their revolvers and the British Commander gave orders that when leaving our garrison should march past the British units who will render due military honours."

Military circles in London, while not in a position to confirm this Italian statement, point out that it would be in accordance with British military traditions.—British Wireless.

## U.S. AND FRENCH COLONIES

THE U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE, MR. CORDELL HULL, TOLD HIS PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY THAT NO CONSULTATIONS WERE PROCEEDING WITH OTHER AMERICAN REPUBLICS REGARDING THE QUESTION OF OCCUPYING FRENCH POSSESSIONS IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE.

Mr. Hull added that despite the critical views in Washington regarding Vichy's "collaboration" with Germany, the United States was keeping in mind that Martinique might need foodstuffs and other supplies.—Reuter.

### U.S. VOLUNTEER AIRMEN STORY

Brigadier-General Claggett, Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. Air Force in the Philippines, who is at present in Chungking, yesterday denied any knowledge that American volunteers were coming to China to join the air force.—Reuter.

## LONDON'S WAR SAVING DRIVE

WHEN SIR GEORGE WILKINSON, THE MAYOR, OPENED THE CITY OF LONDON'S SAVINGS CENTRE AT MANSION HOUSE, MR. P. C. CRUMP, JOINT SECRETARY OF THE PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE COMPANY, HANDED HIM A CHEQUE FOR £5,000,000 WORTH OF 2½% NATIONAL WAR BONDS.

Sir George announced he had been promised more than £4,000,000 by other commercial houses.

General Sir Walter Kirke, former C-in-C, Home Forces, said Londoners were fighting valiantly on all fronts and those at home were obviously determined not to let them down.

The Munich Agreement signed by Mr. Chamberlain and the dictators is on show at Hammersmith Town Hall, with the treaty by which Germany guaranteed Belgium's neutrality before the last war.—British Wireless.

## ATLANTIC PIONEER'S COMMAND

SIR ARTHUR WHITTEN BROWN WHO, WITH THE LATE SIR JOHN ALCOCK, MADE THE FIRST ATLANTIC FLIGHT IN 1919, HAS BEEN APPOINTED LIEUTENANT-COLONEL IN THE HOME GUARD WITH COMMAND OF A BATTALION.

Sir Arthur Brown was a lieutenant in the R.A.F. in the last war and is now an active flying officer in the training branch.

Another battalion commander appearing in the same list is Major-General George Raikes, formerly of the Royal Marines, who served in the South African and World Wars.—Reuter.

## "600TH" SOUVENIR

A TRANSPARENT SIGNET RING MADE FROM THE WINDSCREEN OF A ME.109, IS NOW WORN BY THE SPITFIRE PILOT WHO HELPED SHOOT DOWN A GERMAN FIGHTER, AND IN SO DOING BROUGHT HIS STATION'S "BAG" TO 600.

The Me. 109 crashed near the coast. The flight sergeant engaged on maintenance, who is a skilled handiwork worker, cut a piece an inch square from the Messerschmidt's windscreen, which was about half an inch thick. He bored a hole with a red hot poker, then carved the hole to fit the pilot's finger.

The pilot, who was awarded the D.S.O. soon after the shooting down of the Nazi, has had the motto "600th" carved on the inside of the ring.

### SHANGHAI TRAGEDY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A trolley-bus burst into flames in Shanghai yesterday and as a result four passengers died and over 10 were admitted to hospital with severe burns.—Our Own Correspondent.



An asbestos incendiary bomb snuffer with a face guard and gloves of the same substance, takes the place of the sand-bag at the base of a lamp-post in a London street. The snuffer is just dropped on the bomb while the face guard and gloves protect the fire-watcher. (Copyright, Fox).

### INDIAN AIR FORCE MECHANICS

Thirteen hundred mechanics of the total of 2,000 required by the Government of India for the Indian Air Force will be in training by the end of May.—Reuter.

### STRIKE ENDED

As a result of a tentative agreement on wages and hours between coalowners and anthracite miners, the miners have been granted a wage increase and the strike has ended, says Reuter from New York.

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# IL DUCE'S COMIC OPERA KING-MAKING

THE COMIC OPERA king-making proceedings in Rome receive a fair share of attention in the British press but leading articles put the matter in a perspective which is a summation of the circumstances leading to Viceroy, the Duke of Aosta's decision to give up the sponge in what was once Mussolini's East African Empire.

The "Daily Telegraph" recalls it is but a few weeks since General Cunningham crossed the southern frontier of Abyssinia from Italian Somaliland, since when he has travelled 1,500 miles and has frequently met fierce resistance in strong natural positions.

"Mussolini has no excuse for the poor defence he has put up in his vaunted African Empire," the paper continues. "He had many months of non-belligerency in which to reinforce at leisure whereas Britain had to improvise in haste under the heavy handicap of a series of converging expeditions, which have now achieved such a brilliant result."

"The moral effect of these victories throughout the Middle East must be considerable."

**New Commitments**

UNITED STATES OPINION, IT ADDS, HAS AT ONCE SEIZED UPON THE IMPLICATION OF THE NEW FRANCO-GERMAN PACT.

"The Times" declares the Duke of Aosta's welcome decision to sue for terms enables Britain to undertake new commitments in other theatres of war, the first of which is Iraq, where, thanks to Raschid Ali's machinations and the simultaneous treachery of the Vichy Government, Germany is practising her favourite strategy of infiltration.

"The Times" adds that though Abyssinia, Libya, Syria and Iraq are for the moment Britain's sole responsibility, other regions such as Morocco and Senegal, where Vichy's subservience to the Germans may bring new perils, do not concern Britain alone, since an attempt to dominate the South Atlantic through them would amount to a threat to the Americas.

"THE DEFEAT OF THE ITALIANS AND HITLER'S INABILITY TO RETRIEVE IT MARK THE FIRST SERIOUS BREACH IN THE SPELL OF AXIS INVINCIBILITY IN THE FIELD."

The danger will come from Dakar, not Martinique, which would at once become a factor in the situation if Dakar were to pass wholly into German hands.

Reuter.

**WORTHLESS CHEQUE JOKE FOR A BET**

A "joke" landed Mary Markham, nineteen, independent, of Gloucester Place, London, W., in Bow Street Police Court on a charge of obtaining a dress, valued £11 6s., by means of a worthless cheque from Allardale, Ltd., Berkeley Street, London, W., and obtaining a £10 10s. wristlet watch by similar means from Messrs. Holmes, Jewellers, Old Bond Street, London, W.

She was placed on probation. It was stated that the explanation she gave was that she did it "more or less for a bet."

Detective-Sergeant Mallett said that Markham was of good position and education and bore a perfectly good character.

Mr. St. John Hutchinson, K. C., said that Markham's action had caused those interested in her intense misery and unhappiness.

**FEARED IT WAS A SIEGFRIED LINE**

While the London blitz was at its height a man reported to a warden's post at Edmonton that a line of white linen was hanging out in the next door garden.

His wife feared that this would attract the raiders, and she had insisted on him reporting it.

A warden was sent to assure the anxious woman that she had nothing to fear.

## GERMANS TAKE A PEEK AT CYPRUS

An enemy reconnaissance aeroplane appeared over Cyprus yesterday afternoon and remained for 50 minutes, according to an official announcement in Nicosia. No bombs were dropped.

—Reuter.

## MILITARY POWER IN MALAYA

THE CHINESE MILITARY MISSION WHICH HAS BEEN VISITING MALAYA LEFT FOR CHUNGKING YESTERDAY "FORTIFIED WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE IMMENSE STRENGTH AND MILITARY PREPAREDNESS OF MALAYA," AS A MEMBER OF THE MISSION DECLARED IN A FAREWELL BROADCAST.

The tour lasted two weeks during which the mission visited many centres of military importance which, added the spokesman, enabled them to understand the real strength of Malaya.

"We are happy in the knowledge that we have got a strong friend here in this part of the world," he concluded.

—Reuter.

## AUSTRALIA LOAN SUCCESS

FOLLOWING A LAST-MINUTE "RUSH," AUSTRALIA'S £35,000,000 WAR LOAN CLOSED YESTERDAY, HAVING BEEN OVER-SUBSCRIBED, THE ACTING PRIME MINISTER ESTIMATES, BY £750,000.

The result is considered extremely gratifying, particularly the fact that the number of subscribers was more than double that of the last loan.

—Reuter.

## SIKORSKI BACK IN ENGLAND

General Sikorski, the Polish Prime Minister, has returned to London.

He flew across the Atlantic in an American bomber, piloted by a British crew, and arrived in Scotland last week.

He will report to Mr. Churchill on his visit to Canada and the United States where he conferred with President Roosevelt.

—Reuter.

## CAROL LEAVING FOR VIRGIN ISLANDS

Ex-King Carol of Rumania and Madame Lupescu were scheduled to leave Bermuda yesterday for St. Thomas, in the Virgin Islands, says Reuter.

## U.S. LABOUR AGITATION

LABOUR AGITATION IN THE UNITED STATES FOR WAGE INCREASES HAS NOW SPREAD TO THE RAILWAYS.

Representatives of the five big railwaymen's unions, involving 350,000 workers, announced in Chicago yesterday they are seeking a 30 per cent increase in wages and are launching a countrywide campaign.

Notice of demand for an increase will be served on the railways on June 10.

—Reuter.

## KARACHI'S CIVIC GUARDS

The Governor of Sind, Sir Hugh Dow, reviewed the civic guards of Karachi, paid tribute to their public spirit and declared the usefulness that could not be doubted when unrest is spreading throughout the world.

Turning to the communal dissension in India, the Governor discerned in the Civic Guards a means of promoting the great fellowship between various communities.

—Reuter.

## OFFER TO BUY FRENCH PROPERTY

According to press reports from Washington the Republican Congressman, Frances Case, has introduced a Bill in the House of Representatives by which the Secretary of State will be authorised to negotiate for the acquisition of French possessions in the western hemisphere and such ships, aeroplanes and cargoes as France wishes to sell.

Cost will be paid from the \$2,000,000,000 Stabilisation Fund.

—Reuter.

## LORD GORT VISITS ALGECIRAS

Lord Gort, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Gibraltar, paid an official visit to the Spanish military Governor of Algeciras yesterday morning.

Lord Gort made the journey by sea.

It is understood that the visit was cordial and that the Spanish Governor is expected to return the call on May 28.

—Reuter.

**LEE THEATRE**

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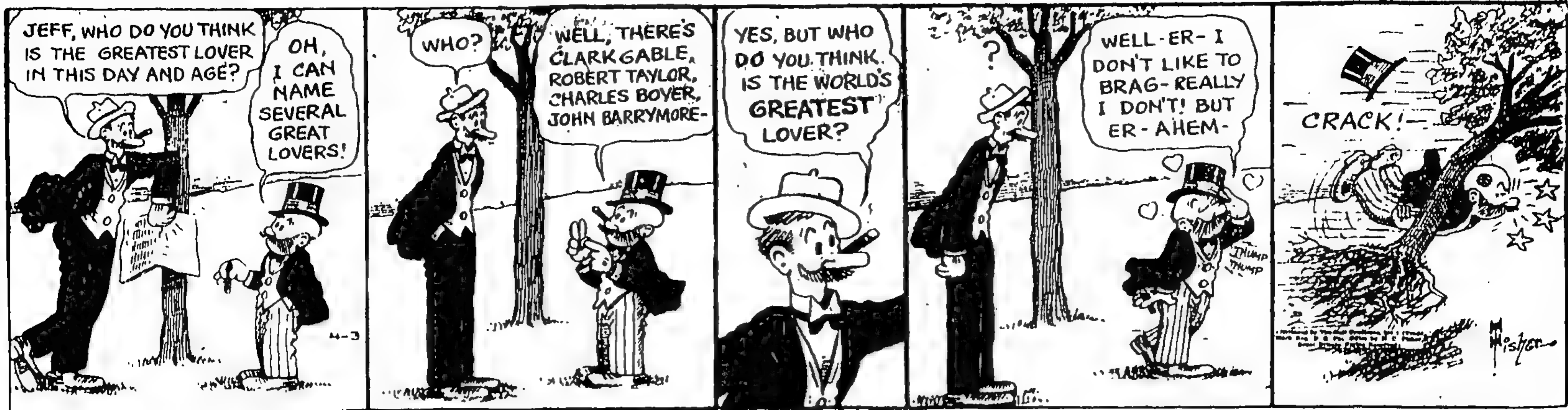
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## MUTT AND JEFF

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## Bullet Bore Boy's Death Note

A BOY OF THIRTEEN shot himself because he did not wish to move from his home when his parents moved to another part of the country.

The boy was John Kenneth Page, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Page, of Ormsby Road, Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk. He shot himself with a sporting gun.

## WOMEN DOCTORS KILLED

Two women doctors, one of them the wife of the medical superintendent, and a gate-keeper's wife were killed when a bomb wrecked a house in the grounds of a hospital in the London area.

Two maidservants, who were also in the house at the time were rescued after being trapped for several hours.

Rescue work continued throughout the night, when two bombs wrecked a number of houses in a Thames estuary area.

Three boy scouts were killed when a bomb wrecked the home of one of the boys after a scout's meeting in the London area. The mother, father and 20-year-old sister of one of the boys were also killed.

On the cartridge with which he killed himself the boy wrote "Please bury me in Caister." His mother heard the report of the gun and went to John's bedroom. She found him on the floor with blood gushing from a wound in the head.

### Moving Next Day

Her husband was in Dereham making arrangements at a house to which they were moving the next day.

She said at the Great Yarmouth inquest that the boy had said once or twice that he did not want to leave.

Arthur John Weldall, a schoolboy, said that when coming home at dinner-time John showed him a cartridge and said he did not want to leave Caister, and that he was going to shoot himself.

Arthur did not take this seriously. Another schoolboy, Mervyn Gough said that when he said good-bye John was very upset. Verdict: Balance of the mind disturbed.

## "TANKS ANSWER TO INVASION"

### Strong Northern Army

By A Special Correspondent

Tanks and again tanks is the answer to invasion in the opinion of Lt.-Gen. Sir Ronald Adam, G.O.C.-in-C., Northern Command.

Tanks, he said, to me, could plunge at once into the fray, while a regular counter-attack by infantry and artillery naturally took much longer to organise. He was well satisfied with the way in which tanks were coming along.

"Invasion of England," Sir Ronald declared, "is Hitler's only chance of winning the war; but any attempt made now would be four times more difficult than it would have been last autumn."

"Invasion is an appalling task, and it people all keep their heads, as I feel sure they will, Hitler cannot win."

### "Before June Or July"

Sir Ronald went on to say that if the Germans made the attempt he thought they would do it before June or July.

He thought it a mistaken idea to conceive invasion as directly affecting the whole population at once.

At certain points there would be attacks while the greater part of the country was left undisturbed except for bombing.

While there might be heavy fighting going on in one area, it would be the duty of the population elsewhere, including the Home Guard, to carry on with their everyday duties, running the railways, milking cows, and so on.

### Air-Borne Invaders

Sir Ronald foresaw the possibility of a nuisance caused by German parachutists and other air-borne troops, but he did not expect that they would wear British uniforms.

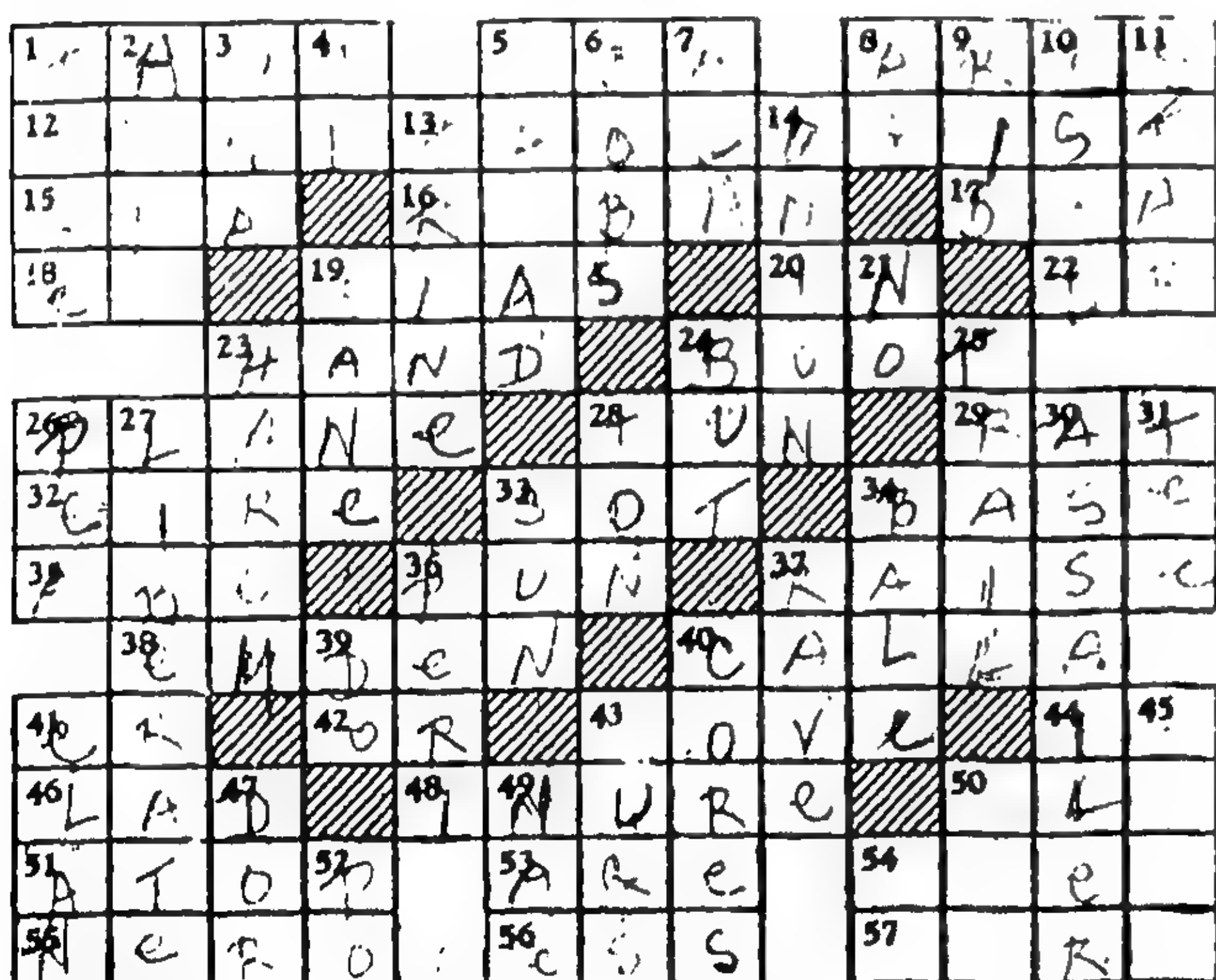
In spite of many rumours and reports in Holland and Belgium last May, he knew of no proved instance of German parachutists coming down in Dutch or Belgian uniforms.

The whole Northern army, the general said, was stronger now than at the beginning of the winter. He had taken a chance in bringing men away from the beaches, except from vital points, to give them divisional training. This had made a great difference to their efficiency.

The keenness of the troops had not been blunted by the winter's lull.

As for the Home Guard, he could not say too much for their devotion and pugnacious spirit.

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- 1 Hard-drawn
- 3 Literary scraps
- 8 War god
- 12 Student of birds
- 15 Inlet
- 16 Part of a fortress
- 17 Cry of sheep
- 18 Symbol for sodium
- 19 Prejudice
- 20 Preposition
- 22 City in Chaldea
- 23 Four inches
- 24 High shoe
- 26 Level
- 28 Large oak
- 29 Rodent
- 32 Erin
- 33 Drunkard
- 34 Low
- 35 Man's nickname
- 36 Play on words
- 37 To elevate
- 38 Prussian seaport
- 40 Plant of the arum family
- 41 Teutonic deity
- 42 Conjunction
- 43 Roman deity

### VERTICAL

- 44 Extremely
- 46 Boy
- 48 To accustom
- 50 Edible mollusk
- 51 On top of
- 53 To grow old
- 54 Egyptian deity
- 55 Roman emperor
- 56 Worm
- 57 Temple

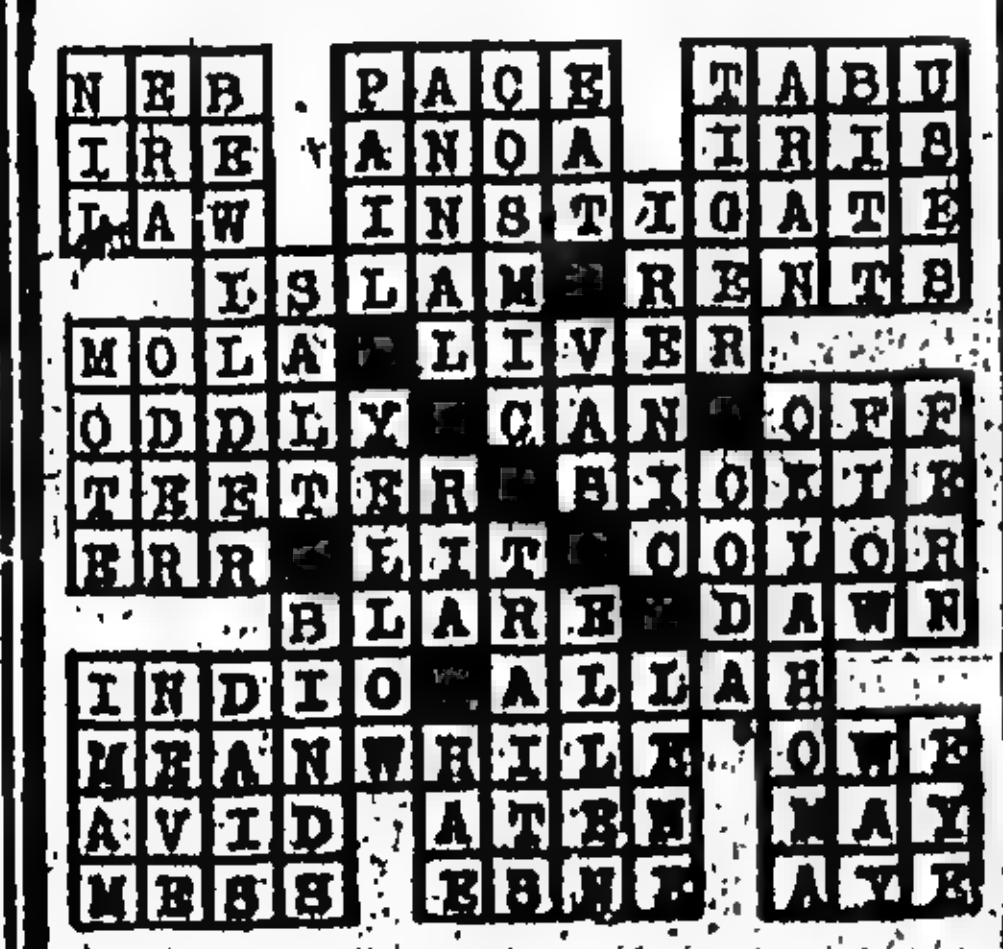
### VERTICAL

- 1 Ripped
- 2 Solo
- 3 Spenserian character
- 4 Note of scale
- 5 In front
- 6 Bows
- 7 Wing
- 8 Symbol for silver

### VERTICAL

- 9 Curved support
- 10 Son of Isaac
- 11 Heavenly body
- 13 Group of three
- 14 Vegetable
- 16 Scourge
- 21 Negative
- 23 Seraglio
- 24 However
- 25 To drag
- 26 Edible seed
- 27 To free
- 28 Weight
- 30 Murderer
- 31 Mound
- 33 Heavenly body
- 34 Package of bulky goods
- 36 Persimmon
- 37 To rage
- 39 To act
- 40 Innermost parts
- 41 Ardor
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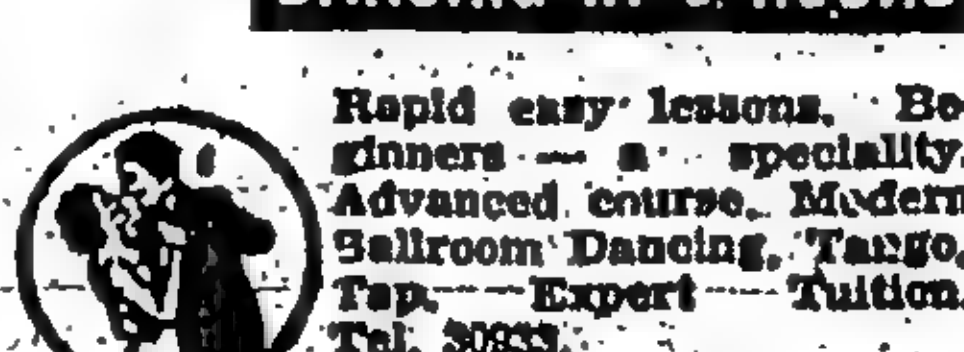
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# ATLANTIC HOT SPOT AWAITS SEA PATROL

AFTER CAREFUL STUDY of President Roosevelt's plan for a far-flung air and sea patrol wherever necessary, the British view suggests that United States fighting ships and planes soon will be operating in the North Atlantic spot where there is the highest mortality among merchant ships from submarines and raiders.

This area is identified as occupying a large circle roughly blocked in by a square formed by 16 to 30 degrees longitude and 45 to 60 degrees latitude. It begins just outside the line roughly 400 miles westward from the Irish Coast and touches most of the usual sea lanes between the United States, Canada and the British Isles.

It is this area which is just far enough removed from the United Kingdom to make bombing patrols difficult and ineffective, and it is there that German submarines have been taking their heaviest toll.

The President's determination to use the fleet plus the air arm to protect American interests seems to necessitate American operations in these waters because they are adjacent to the most convenient route which the Germans could use in getting men and materials to Greenland.

## Alarms Feasible Against Raiders

Although hailed by Winston Churchill the other night as providing much-needed help, it is still found difficult in London to grasp the full working details of the plans unless it is proposed that Americans will broadcast alarms when they see raiders or submarines, while the British send out bombers to make air attacks. In the case of the submarine, such a plan offers obvious obstacles. Once spotted, surface raiders would have, on the other hand, small chance of escaping a bombing patrol.

Naturally, the hope is held that this plan will reduce ship losses, but there is no optimism among shipping authorities. Figures unofficially compiled, but taking in all considerations, suggest that unless more ships are produced and fewer lost Britain will reach a critical stage in the battle of the Atlantic in the Spring months of 1942, at which point a curtailment of the war effort may be inescapable.

In counting all factors, it is said that "the effective tonnage" of British shipping available for the North Atlantic service to-day is about 5,000,000. Actually there is a total of 15,000,000 tons in service. But materials such as timber, iron ore and other warstuffs, which in the World War it was possible to bring on from the Scandinavian countries is now brought from Canada, so it takes two or three times longer and the effective tonnage is reduced by that factor.

The same thing is true of foodstuffs, formerly brought from Holland, Denmark and near-by countries, but which now come from Australia and New Zealand.

In addition, there are the increased lines of the empire. Supplies go around the southern tip of Africa instead of through the Mediterranean to the Near East and North Africa and thus there is an additional loss of effective tonnage. More than that, losses in time due to the slowness of convoys have figured in reducing the effective tonnage by from 20 to 30 per cent, while harbour delays due to unloading and turning around figure in the lowering of total effectiveness by 23 per cent. It is said that in this way 15,000,000 tons of ships are really equivalent to 5,000,000.

## Food Shortage Possibility

Between four and five million tons are needed to keep the island fed and the war industries turning at top speed. Already the lack of shipping is reducing food supplies. Cattle, important for the milk and beef supplies grown at home, are being systematically slaughtered, because it is impossible to bring in the necessary foodstuffs to keep them.

Clothing, rationed, are held not impossible in the future in order

to reduce the volume of wool brought from the colonies and the Dominions. Egypt is being persuaded to reduce its cotton crop.

With all such items cut to the bone and shipping space now taken by them given over to materials of war, a curtailment of the war effort is foreseen within only twelve months or less.

German sinkings are running at about 5,000,000 tons annually. The government's ship loss figures for March were 550,000 tons, covering five weeks.

Offsetting losses to some degree is the British building schedule for this year, which is expected to produce 1,500,000 tons to which 1,000,000 tons from the United States will be added. Although American plans talked of in London suggest that the United States will be providing 3,000,000 new tonnage in 1942 there is some skepticism.

Losses thus run far too much higher than current or potential replacements, and while these are very important the prime necessity is to cut down sinkings. It is hoped that the American patrol will help in that direction, but the only effective help will mean direct American interference in German war activities, with whatever consequences may follow.

## BRITISH CREDIT TO CHINA

A new Sino-British export credit agreement for £5,000,000 will shortly be signed in London, it is learned from well-informed circles.

Negotiations which have been carried on for some time between the Chinese Government represented by Mr. P. W. Kuo, Vice-Minister of Finance, and the British Government have been concluded satisfactorily.

The new credit is good not only for purchases of materials in the Sterling area but also for covering the cost of services connected with the purchases, together with other services necessary for national purposes in China.

The terms and conditions of the agreement are said to be more favourable than those of the previous credit.

For the purpose of the new agreement, a committee will be formed. It will consist of three Chinese and three British members whose appointment will be agreed by the two governments concerned. — Central News.

## UGANDA FIGHTER SQUADRON

Uganda has now raised a total of £100,000 for the purchase of fighter aircraft and the squadron will be named after the Protectorate.

The final figure was reached with gifts of £5,700 from the local committee and £10,000 from Uganda. — British Wireless.

## LONDON UNDISTURBED BY UNIFORM

Unchallenged, a man wearing a German Army officer's uniform and trappings strolled London streets for hours, looked over busy Scotland Yard and peered through Buckingham Palace's fences.

His was merely another uniform to Londoners accustomed to the varied garb of British, Dominion, Colonial, Dutch, Czech, Norwegian, Free French, and other Allied forces.

The "German officer" was Mr. Donald Collins, film actor employed by the "Daily Sketch" to point up its editorial campaign urging closer surveillance of aliens. — Associated Press.

## SHE HAD 172 BRIDESMAIDS

Fifty years ago 172 bridesmaids attended the wedding of Lady Cecilia Howard, daughter of the Earl and Countess of Carlisle—and they all wore green.

Superstitious people shook their heads—green was said to be so unlucky—but most of the 172 will attend Lady Cecilia's golden wedding celebrations.

And the bridesmaids have been asked to bring their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Lady Cecilia's husband is Mr. Charles Henry Roberts, ex-M.P.

The golden wedding will be celebrated at Dacre Hall, Lanercost, Cumberland. Of the 172 bridesmaids fifty years ago, two were the bride's titled sisters.

The others were girls attending six rural schools on the Naworth Castle estate of the bride's parents.

## THE LUCES LEAVING

MR. HENRY LUCE, PUBLISHER OF "LIFE" AND "TIME" AND MRS. LUCE, WILL PROBABLY LEAVE CHUNGKING TO-MORROW OR THURSDAY FOR THE UNITED STATES VIA RANGOON AND SINGAPORE.

They are making arrangements with the British authorities for aeroplane passage from Singapore to Manila. If this fails to materialise they will fly from Chungking to Hong Kong and take the Clipper to Manila. — Router.



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## AIR POWER

The theory of "continental isolation," to which the Lindberghs still cling, receives another jolt in the news that Douglas Aircraft Company has completed the first of its B-19 bombers. Here is the most formidable agency of destruction yet developed, a great fortress built to fly 7,750 miles nonstop with a cargo of eighteen tons of bombs. It is visible proof that the day is rapidly approaching when no nation and no part of any nation will be immune from direct attack from any part of the world.

The whole question of the impact of modern air power on the traditional conception of continental defence is analysed in an important article by Major Alexander P. de Seversky in the new issue of "The American Mercury." Comparisons are invidious, but Lindbergh's feat is a record. It must be noted that Major de Seversky speaks with more authority in the matter than Colonel Lindbergh, for he is not only a pilot but a designer of aircraft and only a designer of bombers and a builder of a new pursuit plane, but a recognized authority on the tactics and strategy of aerial warfare.

It is Major de Seversky's central thesis and the new B-19 bomber comes along to illustrate his point that "isolationism" is ruled out physically by the advent of air power and the tremendous speed with which it is being widened. To show that a European enemy of the United States could not land armies and occupy this country mile by mile proves little. The same enemy, if it succeeds in wresting control of the skies overhead, can pound the country into helpless wreckage without the need to occupy territory. "Should it be argued that ultimate victory could not be achieved by that alone (though I believe it could), the fact still remains that this is a type of destructive fury to which no nation will wish to expose itself."

Moreover, by a curious truth which is not yet widely understood, the more industrialised a country is, the more vulnerable it is to destruction from overhead. "American industries, grouped in thick-riven concentrations dependent on centralised sources of power, make ideal targets for air attack. The tremendous expanse of our country may give us a feeling of hugeness, but the vital centres are few and extremely exposed." There is no real security for those centres in old-fashioned "isolation" behind "impregnable" ramparts. Air power is "a threat in which oceans have already lost some of their protective value and are destined to become soon as illusory a defence as the Maginot Line" itself.

Major de Seversky does not share Colonel Lindbergh's belief that Britain cannot win this war, even with American assistance. He believes, on the contrary, not merely that Britain has a chance of winning, "but that, given the full material backing of the United States, she has only a minor chance of not winning." In the race to achieve the vital factor of definitive air superiority, Germany, even with all her continental appendages, "will be more and more plagued by shortages of critical materials," and more and more handicapped by increasingly undernourished labour working sullenly under coercion, while "the Anglo-American bloc, its production centres widely scattered over the world, will have access to all materials; it will operate in many regions under relatively peaceful conditions, with labour that is voluntary and well-fed." In this tug-of-war of production, "equality in air power for the Anglo-American bloc is already within sight, and rapid establishment of supremacy seems in the cards."

Here is one answer to the question, How will the war be won? and fresh courage for faint hearts.



THE LAST BETRAYAL

## Mr. Menzies On A World Mission

War adds to the responsibilities of leading a nation, a weight likely to be crushing on all except men endowed with mental resilience to an uncommon degree. Possession of this quality enables Australia's Prime Minister, Sir Robert Gordon Menzies, to give most of his waking moments to wartime problems without seeming overwrought or losing the easy poise for which he is pre-eminent among his country's politicians.

Without this, his earnestness of purpose, and powers of concentration and analysis developed by a lawyer's career, might not be half so effective. A waterproof mind, I call it, because he can immerse it in a sea of difficulties without its becoming saturated by them. After hours of intense Cabinet discussion, Mr. Menzies can saunter into the corridor and parry newspapermen's varied inquiries masterfully, comfortably, wittily, as if he enjoys it all.

Clever in debate, he is difficult to corner, and often eludes an awkward question by replying with another question, technically designed to short circuit his interrogator.

A tall man, handsome despite increasing fleshiness, Mr. Menzies has a commanding presence. His knack of marshalling everyday words into ringing sentences makes him an eloquent speaker. On the platform, he shies at cameras, because he dislikes being photographed with his mouth open. Over the radio, his unhurried, conversational diction and rich, resonant voice deeply impress listeners.

There is something Olympian in the way Mr. Menzies looks on his countrymen. He is rather impatient with minds less nimble than his own, yet in his first radio talk as Prime Minister, in April, 1939, he assured the people that he was "a singularly plain Australian, not bred to the purple." When striking coal miners in 1940 boycotted a hall where he intended to address them, he ventured into their mass meeting in a park, and gained a hearing.

Mr. Menzies' poise, probably partly innate, has been built up by the way doors opened to him at his first knock, until, at 44, he became his country's leader—and Madame Tussaud's waxwords, London, found a place for his effigy.

A brilliant student at state schools and at college, he gained the degree, Master of Laws, at Melbourne University. At 25, two years after he became a barrister, he scored a triumph in a High Court case about State and Federal constitutional power. At 34, his skill as a pleader brought him the silk gown of a King's Counsel, and a yearly income re-

puted to be £8,000 (then about \$32,000).

His political progress was equally swift. A few years in Victoria's legislature proved him to be an outstanding politician. When Sir John Latham (now Minister to Japan) became Chief Justice in 1934, vacating the well-to-do Kooyong seat in the Federal Parliament, the conservative United Australia Party nominated Mr. Menzies, and the election was a walkover. The newcomer was raised to Cabinet rank (Attorney-General) before he was even sworn in as a member of the House of Representatives.

After less than five years in the House, he was the obvious choice by the National Union (behind-the-scenes powers who finance the party) to succeed Prime Minister Joseph A. Lyons, who passed

By Raymond Robinson

on five months before German bombs fell in Poland. It seems paradoxical that a man of such intellectual capacity should be on the less-progressive side in Parliament, but history abounds with similar cases, setting a riddle for posterity.

In his two years as Prime Minister, doors have not opened as easily for him as they did earlier. His biggest difficulties have been the coming home to roost of chickens let loose by governments of which he was a leading member for five years before the war.

Australia's people are wholeheartedly loyal to democracy's cause, but about half of them don't like Mr. Menzies' leadership, although he is well liked personally. This opposition has several causes, political, economic, social. He was an out-and-out supporter of Chamberlain appeasement, while the powerful Australian trade unions regarded the Munich agreement as a shattering blow to collective security against aggression. They criticised his statements, after his 1938 visit to Europe, approving German rearmament and expressing his belief that Germany's intentions in western Europe were not aggressive.

Australians had been quickly antagonised by Fascism and Nazism, if for no other reason than the dictator's suppression of trade unionism. No country is more closely interlaced than Australia with trade union organisation, which embraces almost all classes of wage earners, including bank officials, schoolteachers, and jour-

nalists. After the Japanese invaded China, unionists resented Government use of legal force to compel waterside workers to load scrap iron for Japan.

Those who believed that Australia should have a foreign policy based on its Pacific location thought that the United Australia Party and its coalition partner, the Country Party, were too docile in following London, Manchester, and Birmingham. Hence the 1936 trade-diversion tariffs against American automobiles and Japanese-made clothing. When the Opposition (Labour Party) made a big air force for home defence their main plank in the 1937 election, the conservatives branded the Opposition as isolationist.

The more militant unions look on Mr. Menzies as capitalism's representative, whose wartime policy is shaped too much by the influence of the great Broken Hill Proprietary steel and coal corporation, other big industrialists, and insurance company directors. Nearly all the industrial disputes have been labour's attempts to divert to employees—many working longer shifts—a share of company profits from enormously increased production for war purposes.

The dissatisfactions outlined above explain why Mr. Menzies' coalition government could scramble back from the Federal election last September with only 37 supporters to Labour's 38 in the House. The holder of the seventy-fourth vote, a dissident country member, usually supports Opposition policy. The Government holds 19 Senate seats to Labour's 17. The Opposition, pledged to full support of the war effort, has not tried to upset the Government, but prefers to force it to compromise on some matters.

To keep office, the Menzies Government has had to back down several times, laying itself open to the taunt that it sometimes governs by try-on and error. It has reversed its decisions on automobile manufacturing, control of the Press, taxation of low wages, a ban on criticism of its financial policy, and permission for the Army commander's wife to join him in Egypt while other soldiers' wives are forbidden to go.

Amid all these tribulations, the Prime Minister can now point to a soaring output of war products, dwarfing all expectations in a country where manufacturing had kept in distant step with the great wool and wheat industries. A rein has been kept on living costs, and the supply of volunteers for the fighting forces is ample. And amid it all, nobody could be more majestically right than Mr. Menzies—or err with greater aplomb.

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# SECRET FOUR STUDY NAZI TACTICS

NAZI "WORD BOMBS" aimed at America with intent to divide, confuse, and terrify the Nation are reaching between 150,000 and 300,000 short-wave listeners, according to Charles J. Rolo, who for some time served on the Princeton University Listening Post for analysing these radio missiles.

At the same time, it is disclosed that Great Britain is employing a new secret defence board of four psychologists who listen to Nazi propaganda for the purpose of foreseeing actions behind the words.

Nazis themselves refer to their radio propaganda as "bombs of the mind." Mr. Rolo writes in the current issue of "The American Mercury". He adds: "They have one clear and simple purpose: to foment dissension that will paralyse America's will to act."

## Goal Is Anarchy

"The German radio offensive against other countries revealed the tactics and objectives of this form of warfare. Its goal is not conversion, but anarchy. It seeks to pit group against group, to turn the people against their leaders, to undermine the individual's faith in his habitual standards of judgment, to arouse in each man's heart uncertainty and eventually panic; in short, to divide, confuse, and terrify."

"The use of absurd exaggerations and fantastic assertions is an essential part of this strategy. It removes the stigma attached to propaganda, giving it the appearance of ballyhoo."

"Even now, with the object lessons of two years staring them in the face, the British com-

placently declare that Dr. Goebbels' threats and glaring falsehoods cannot win for him friends and allies in America—except traitors; no allies—except Revolution. It is the propaganda of complete Nihilism.

## London Secret

"In the place of what it is working to destroy, the German radio purposely leaves a vacuum. It does not suggest that Americans should adopt the Nazi way of life. Its propaganda for American neutrality is balanced by bitter assertions that America is already in the enemy camp. Only one positive doctrine emerges: the doctrine of race hatred and class warfare."

"For the common people of America the German radio has a message which, stripped of all trimmings, is essentially communistic, while to business men and property owners it speaks blandly in terms of profits and dividends. The poor are encouraged to hate the rich, the rich to fear the poor. The ideals and traditions of rich and poor alike are assailed by an all-corroding cynicism fatal to national unity."

The new British secret defence factor which accurately informs the British high command in advance of contemplated Axis moves, and permits the armed forces to take counteractive measures, is disclosed for the first time by William Hillman, European Director of "Collier's Weekly," in the current issue of the snagazine.

## Importance Stressed

"The British Government," Mr. Hillman writes, "considers the word offensive of the Nazis as important as the war on land, at sea, in the skies. In some ways it believes it more important. A true analysis of the verbal TNT in the propaganda shells gives a good idea of what's being planned in actual combat."

"Operating on this theory, the British have introduced a method of trapping the strategists behind the Nazi word offensive. They have put four brilliant psychologists on the job as propaganda analysts. Their official function is to analyse the enemy's word shells as scientifically as British munitions experts examine fragments of bombs dropped on London by enemy planes."

"Great Britain's propaganda lab in which psychoanalysts determine the true chemistry of Hitler's verbal artillery fire has been kept a secret. It still is a secret to millions of Britons. I stumbled onto the fact of its existence. The matter had to be taken up with high Government officials before I was allowed to write anything about them."

## Reports For Cabinet

"Only modern science, total war, and the use of radio as a weapon could have produced them. They believe that Hitler said a mouthful when he declared in 'Mein Kampf' that 'in war words are acts.' They consider this the key to the Fuehrer's mental processes."

The four members of the psychoanalytical board, who constitute the latest "secret defence weapon," are Prof. Ernst Kriss; John Scarlett Alexander Salt, late of the Royal Engineers; Mark Abrams, Ph. D., who spent a year at the Brookings Institution in Washington on an Eastman Fellowship, and Miss Anne Outwaite, expert in the inner workings of European diplomacy.

"At first," Mr. Hillman writes, "the Cabinet didn't pay any attention to the secret four. Now their weekly report is eagerly awaited."

## WAR VETERAN AIDS VICTIMS

Badly wounded in the last war, forty-five-year-old Mr. A. Barber, of Fordel Road, Catford, S.E., is collecting stout sticks for people injured in air raids, especially those who have lost legs. "During the last war, after I was wounded in the leg, I made 3,000 sticks for wounded soldiers in a London factory," he told the "Daily Mirror." He aims to collect a thousand in a month.

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# BUSTER WON A HERO'S MEDAL AT ONLY 15

(By A Special Correspondent)

CHEEKY-FACED BUSTER, aged sixteen, stood at his mother's stall in a London street market. He was yelling: "Ere yer are, ladies. Best King Edwards, five pounds a tanner."

A smartly dressed woman walked to the stall and said: "My boy, you've won the King George Medal." "No, only King Edwards," shouted the boy, above the din.

He had not grasped the fact that he had been awarded the George Medal—the youngest hero yet to receive it.

Buster helped the police officers to free six people trapped in a bombed paint factory and carry them to ambulances.

A few minutes after the last victim had been taken out the interior of the building collapsed.

He was fifteen then. His full name is John Thomas Cain. He lives in Arcola Street, Dalston, N.

Police-Constables Turner, Slawley, Tricker and Dean, who took part in the rescue, also get the George Medal.

## He Wants A Job

When he grasped the news, Buster blushed and loosened his muffler. "Crickey," he said. "I'd forgotten all about it."

Then Mrs. Rose Cain returned to her stall in Ridley Road, Dalston, from the hospital where her husband has been lying gravely ill for the past three weeks.

"I'm glad son," she said, as other stallholders congratulated him.

"I'm glad I've got the medal, mate," said Buster "but I wish I'd got a job."

Not too young to win a medal, he was too young for his job. He was fired by a demolition firm because they learned that according to regulations he is under age.

Another brother, his mother's main support will be called up soon.

The other night Buster was out tackling fire bombs.

"There is nothing to it," he said, "but I felt a bit windy at the paint factory."

"The building didn't look safe when we went in and there was fires all round."

Buster has not shaved yet, but in the market they call him a "real man."

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## FORGOT SICK LEAVE, DOWNED THREE NAZIS

A n R.A.F. pilot, who had been wounded was about to go on sick leave when a warning came to his squadron. He dropped his suitcase, took off in a Spitfire as mechanics waved, to him and shot down three Nazi 'planes.

On his return he was told his mechanics had waved to him because the radio in his machine was not serviceable.

## "INVASION WILL BE THIS YEAR"

A proportion of nearly two out of every three persons in England think that the Nazis will try to invade Gt. Britain some time during this year.

But significantly, more than one in every five, despite the many warnings of the dangers of invasion by Mr. Churchill and other leaders, do not believe that the Germans will dare to try it.

Further, one person in every two would welcome a full-scale invasion attempt because they believe that such an attempt would mean a devastating defeat for Hitler, and would hasten the coming of the end of the war.

These facts are revealed by the latest Gallup Survey, in which interviewers all over Gt. Britain asked: "Do you think the Germans will try an invasion of this country during this year?"

62% ..... said ..... Yes  
21% ..... said ..... No  
17% ..... said Don't know

Though the differences in opinion as between various groups, were very slight, it was noticeable that those in the higher income group were inclined to be both more sceptical of the possibility of invasion, and more ready to welcome it as contributing to Germany's final defeat.

## EARNING DOLLARS

As he finished polishing £1,000 worth of diamonds ready for sale in the United States, Mr. Benjamin Mendes, the oldest member of his profession in London, was presented by fellow-workmen with two boxes of cigars in celebration of his 70th birthday.

Mr. Mendes, who is British by birth, escaped from Antwerp last June. Before the war there were about 15 diamond cutters in Britain. Now there are 150. Many of the refugee craftsmen, who are earning us foreign currency, hope to stay in London after the war.

## WAITERS EARNING DOUBLE

To-day is the "Golden Age" for waiters in England. There is such a serious shortage of hotel and restaurant staff that many are now earning double their pre-war wages.

Although women are replacing men waiters, even in the larger hotels, they are insufficient to make up for the men who have been called up for the armed forces or those who entered civil defence and fire fighting services when hotel and restaurant trade slumped early in the war.

An official of one employment agency told the "Evening Standard": "If you walk any West End hotel or restaurant between one and two in the afternoon, you would be lucky to get a seat."

"It's taking far longer for people to get served. Pre-war standards of service have disappeared."

"If a thousand experienced waiters and waitresses came to me for jobs to-day, I could place them all before to-night."

"Would-be employers outnumber would-be employees by more than 80 per cent. Wages have advanced at least 25 per cent. In many cases they have doubled."

"Staff can more or less dictate their own terms. Some waiters who were making £4 a week are now earning £8. Night clubs are paying even higher wages; their hours are usually from 10.30 p.m. to 5 a.m."

"The girls who are replacing the young waiter, who used to earn between 30s. and 40s. a week, are now making £4 a week."

"If a shortage becomes even more acute, as appears inevitable, cafeteria principles—serve yourself—may have to be introduced into all hotels and restaurants."

## GOLDEN HARVEST OF THE ISLES

(By A Special Correspondent)

WHILE SOLDIERS on the ramparts of the Scilly Isles, keep a constant watch seawards islanders are gathering a golden harvest.

It's daffodil and narcissi time there, and ship-loads of the world's choicest blooms are being sent across the twenty-five miles of sea to the mainland.

Before the season ends in a few weeks nearly 1,000 tons of daffodils and narcissi will have been sent to Covent Garden and the big provincial centres.

Yet this year's flower crop is the smallest for several years, growers say. Setbacks have been acreage reduced by 25 per cent. to make room for more potatoes, and sharp frosts early in the season.

### Greater Demand

Nevertheless, it's the best paying crop they can remember. The demand for flowers is greater than in peace time and return.

there are fewer flowers coming into the country.

Growers' sales returns are up from 50 to 100 per cent.

But this doesn't mean all profit for the islanders. They have got to treble their pre-war potato acreage.

There's no profit in potatoes for them, they say. In some cases, they lose money, so growing flowers levels things out.

The Isles are expected to ship 14,000 to 15,000 tons of potatoes to the mainland from the end of April onwards, and it's only from the early shipment that the growers expect to see a reasonable return.



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NOTICE

THE MAY HALF-YEARLY GENERAL MEETING OF VOTING MEMBERS will be held at the Club House, Happy Valley, on THURSDAY, 29th May, 1941, at 5.30 p.m.

ALL MEMBERS are cordially invited to attend and participate in any discussion which may ensue.

By Order of the Stewards,  
C. B. BROWN,  
Secretary.  
Hong Kong, 20th May, 1941.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

DRAFT PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FORMS for the SIXTH EXTRA RACE MEETING to be held (weather permitting) on SATURDAY, 31st May, and MONDAY, 2nd June, 1941, may be obtained from the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building, the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on THURSDAY, 22nd May, 1941.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 19th May, 1941.

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Notice To Shareholders

THE SEVENTY-SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on WEDNESDAY, the 21st May, 1941, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1940.

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BRIDGE NOTES

AVOIDING DANGER

By The Four Aces

In a great number of hands, one opponent can make a dangerous lead while the other cannot. Every effort should then be made, in the play of the hand, to avoid giving the lead to the danger hand. For example:

South, Dealer

Neither side vulnerable

♠ 6 3	♥ Q 5 4	♦ A Q 3	♣ K 10 9 8 3
♠ A Q 8 7 2	♥ N	♦ 10 9 8 7	♣ 10 9 4
♠ 6 3 2	♥ W	♦ K 5	♣ Q 7 5 4
♠ 7 0 4 2	♥ S	♦ K 5	♣ Q 7 5 4
♠ 6	♥ K J 5	♦ A K J	♣ J 10 9 8
	♥ A K J	♦ J 10 9 8	♣ A J 2

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West led the seven of spades. East played the nine, and South won with the Jack. South could now count on three hearts, one diamond, and two clubs in top cards. Two more tricks were needed for the contract.

A novice would have taken the diamond finesse, but that would have lost to East's King and a spade return would then set the contract. But South, who was no novice, realized the danger of letting East gain the lead. He therefore decided to make his two additional tricks in clubs, playing so as to keep East out of the lead. At the second trick he led the Jack of hearts, overtaking with dummy's Queen. Then he returned the ten of clubs, letting it ride when East played low. Had the finesse lost, the rest of the club suit would have been enough for the contract. When it won, Declarer took another finesse, cashed the club Ace, and got back to dummy with the diamond Ace to take the remaining two clubs. This safe line of play produced ten tricks.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held

♠ Q J 10 8 4 2	♥ J 10 3	♦ A 4	♣ 7 5
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The bidding:

Schenken	Jacoby	Maier	Yon
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	(?)

ANSWER: Bid four spades. There must be a game in the cards, perhaps more. By showing your strength at this point, you make a mild Slam suggestion without getting past the game level. If you bid only three spades, you should make a Slam try later on; and your hand is not strong enough for a Slam try past the game level.

Score 100% for four spades, 70% for three spades.

Question No. 720

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Schenken	Jacoby	Maier	Yon
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♠	Pass	(?)

What do you bid? (Answer

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Call-Up Is Making Dogs Go Hungry

CARCASES OF ANIMALS which usually made food for dogs and cats, and whose hooves and hides formed valuable by-products, are now being buried.

That is because many of the man who deal with these carcasses — the knackers — have been called up and their places have not been filled.

A question on this position, which is of great importance to animal lovers now, when feeding stuff is scarce, is to be asked in Parliament by Sir Robert Gower, chairman of the R.S.P.C.A.

"The knackers is a trade which passes down from father to son, so that when a knacker is called up it is difficult to fill his place," said an R.S.P.C.A. official. "Because no arrangements have been made to transport the carcasses in many counties they have been burned or buried."

Meanwhile, a curious situation has arisen: although hundreds of dog owners have had their pet destroyed because of difficulty in obtaining feeding stuffs, more people are asking for dogs than can be supplied.

Different Food

"So far as possible," the official said, "we try to arrange an exchange system between those who want animals and those who find that they can no longer keep their pets. Some three to four hundred dogs pass through our hands each month this way, and so do a few cats."

But if you are thinking of having your pet destroyed because of food scarcity—think again. R.S.P.C.A. says this is unnecessary. Here are their tips:

Starch is not particularly good for dogs, especially puppies, but potatoes cooked in their jackets are quite good with gravy.

Pooling Scraps

The difficulty has been solved for animal lovers in hundreds of streets by an extension of the "moleyness" which has been such a feature of the reaction to war problems. Where No. 3 has a dog or a cat and Nos. 1, 2 and 4 have not, the families at 1, 2 and 4 save enough oddments to keep 3's animal fed.

AS HE READ OF GHOSTS ---

When George Jenkins, aged seventy-six, gets fastened on to a good ghost story it takes a lot to shake him off.

George who is very deaf, lived alone in a room behind a Plymouth shop. Every night after black-out curtains had been drawn he would put on his reading spectacles, draw his armchair up to the oil stove and read thrillers.

Just as he reached a blood-curdling description of a midnight apparition a shadow fell across the page. He started, looked up. Before him were three steel-helmeted men in overalls.

"Come out of it, quick," shouted one of the men.

Shop Shattered

George was puzzled. "Quick," shouted the men in chorus as they grabbed him by the arms and hustled him outside seconds before the ceiling of his room caved in.

George looked around, bewildered. A building was burning. Everywhere shops and houses were in ruins.

His own shop front had been shattered. A heavy bomb had crashed about forty yards away. "I thought I felt something shake my chair," said George. "Just when the fellow in the haunted castle heard the dungeon door bang."

TALK WITH QUEEN

"All United Family In This War"

The King and Queen each drank coffee standing at a mobile canteen manned by volunteers from the Women's Voluntary Services soon after their arrival at Stoke-on-Trent.

The visit, a break in the return journey to London from Manchester, where they had seen air raid damage, was supposed to be secret, but news of their Majesties' arrival leaked out, and everywhere they went they were greeted with warm-hearted cheers. "Good bless you both" was frequently heard from women.

In two hours their Majesties visited the Shelton Iron, Steel and Coal Company's Works and the Spode China Works of W. T. Copeland and Sons. They mingled freely with the workmen and workgirls.

An aged blast-furnaceman, James Bannister, who has worked for the iron and steel firm for 38 years, said to the Queen, "Hitler dare not go among his people as your Majesties are doing, without any bodyguard." The Queen smiled and replied, "No, I suppose not."

John Edward Lovatt, a 59-year-old worker, remarked to the Queen: "We are all a united family in this war," and her Majesty replied: "That's the spirit."

Showered With Sparks

Their Majesties stood beside huge blast furnaces and were showered with sparks from the molten steel as it entered the moulds.

Both the King and the Queen asked numerous questions of girl pottery workers at the Spode works, of which the Lord Mayor, Mr. A. E. Hewitt, who conducted them on the tour, is managing director. The Queen spoke to women who were doing highly skilled work in painting dinner plates.

In the firm's showrooms they saw a Toby Jug of Mr. Winston Churchill wearing his famous square hat and smoking a long cigar. They were told that these jugs were being specially made for the American market.

DISTANCE NO OBJECT

PILOTS OF THE FREE FRENCH AIR FORCE SERVING WITH THE R.A.F. FIGHTER COMMAND ARE SECOND TO NONE IN THEIR KEENNESS TO HELP DRIVE THE NAZI AIRMEN FROM THE SKIES.

The other day a French Warrant Officer, piloting a Spitfire, was pursuing an enemy plane far out off the South coast when, after getting in four bursts, his safety glass windscreen iced over and he had to break off the fight.

He then discovered that, in concentrating on the chase, he had forgotten to keep an eye on his clock and that his petrol supply was nearly exhausted. Turning back, he made straight for the shore and, by nursing his engine, was just able to cross the coast and make a crash landing in a field with dry petrol tanks. "I think my fire caused the enemy considerable damage," was his modest claim on reporting the combat he had so narrowly survived.



"The Great Dictator," which packed them in during its first run in Hong Kong, is now showing at the Oriental Theatre. Above is Charles Hynkel.

CONVOY ATTACKER SURPRISED

The pilot of a German bomber had an unpleasant surprise one afternoon recently off the East Coast of Britain. He prepared to attack a convoy of ships. He carried out a dummy run and then turned to attack from the north end of the convoy.

Then, from out of the sun, two Spitfires came diving at him. The German pilot turned his machine away from the convoy in a steep dive and, riddled with bullets, made off home.

Describing the action, one of the pilots told how they positioned themselves at about 16,000 feet, where they could not be seen by the approaching enemy—a Dornier 17.

"As the bomber turned in to attack I cut him off," said the fighter pilot. "As I was about to attack the enemy pilot spotted me before I was quite within range and turned into a very steep dive away from the convoy. I gave him a 4-5 seconds burst, and then broke away to wait for a more favourable position. My companion then delivered his attack, and when the enemy levelled out at 3,000 feet, I attacked again. There was fairly strong rear gun fire, which became less accurate when I opened up at 200 yards, and finally stopped altogether. I saw my bullets going home and the raider's starboard undercarriage collapse."

The second Spitfire pilot said he gave two bursts from astern and starboard, and in his second attack opened fire at 300 yards, closing to 100 yards.

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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



# A PAGE FOR WOMEN It Happens To All Of Us

To-day I must make a confession—I forgot to practice what I preach and began to suffer for it!

About a month ago a great rush of work and social duties came along at the same time and I took no time out for beauty—I worked and I served, and I served and I worked, until one day I found myself on the verge of nervous tears for no reason at all. Then my secretary reprimanded me: "You are not doing what you ask your readers to do, Miss Lindsay," she said, "why don't you practice

what you preach? You should relax and rest and get more exercise!"

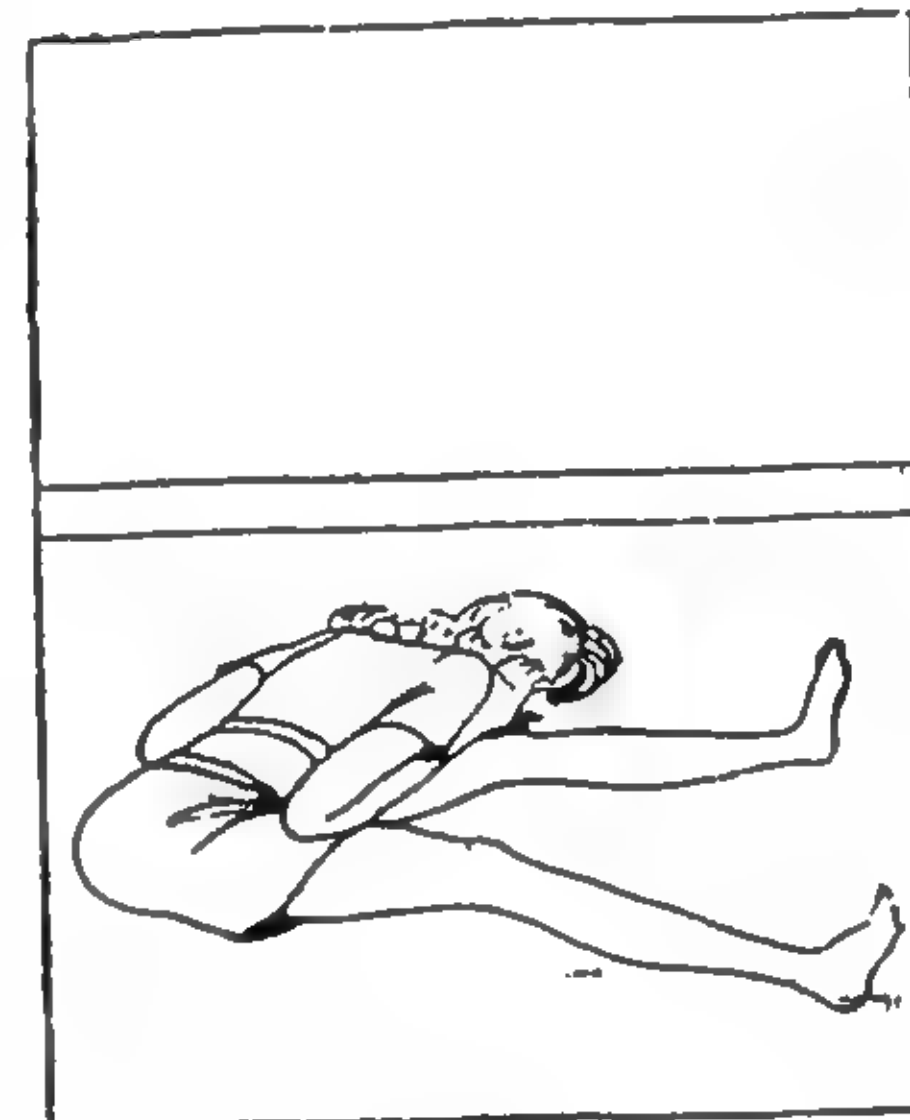
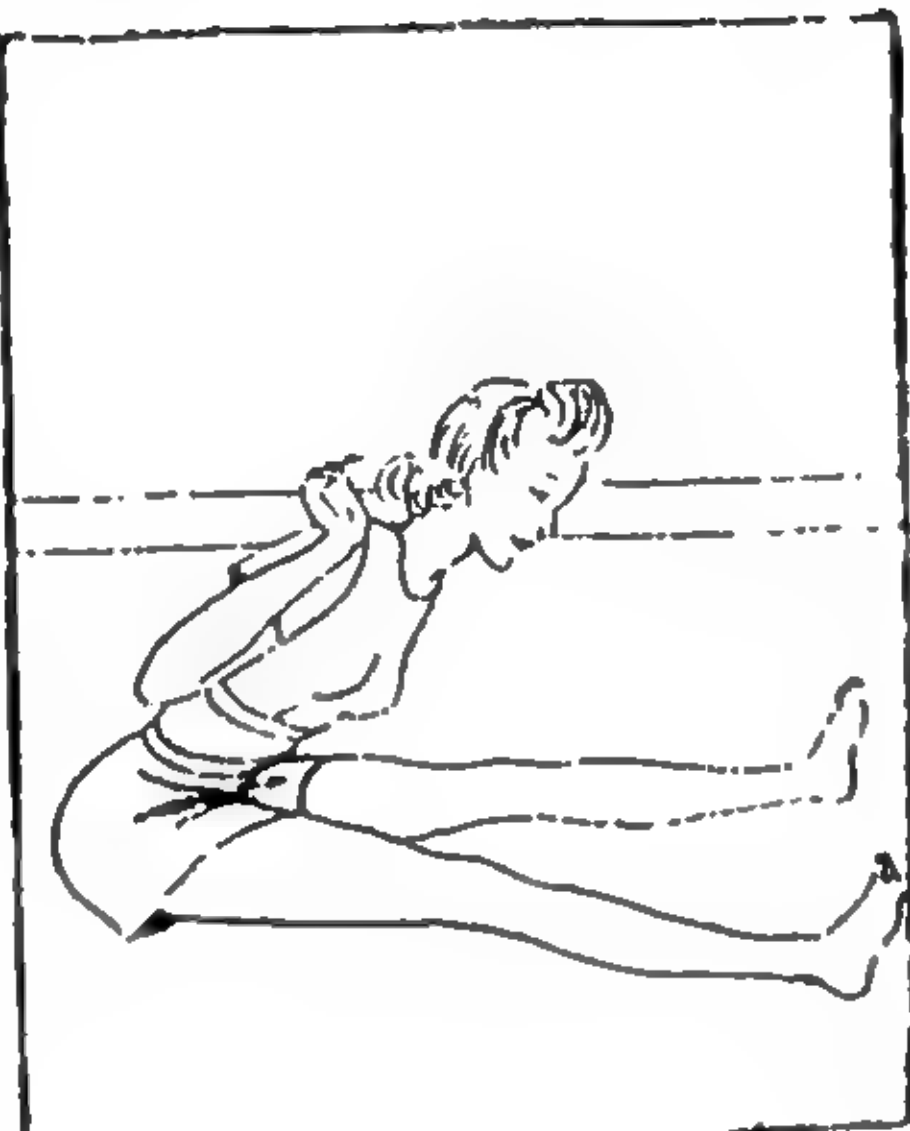
Well, you can imagine how charged I felt! My nervous system had turned into boomerangs! But it was a very good thing for I got on the phone and immediately promised the directress of a famous New York salon that I would report every morning at nine o'clock for a good work-out. I, like most of you, can do better if someone stands over me with a stick! And she did!

I exercised to stretch out those working aches and to help my blood rush around where it was needed. The constant sitting at a desk or table had increased my hip measurement almost an inch so that had to come off too. Personally I get annoyed with myself if I do not keep in condition. I like to feel well and strong and capable and trim. That old fellow pride makes me for the mark so my lapses such as the last are infrequent.

## My Programme

You readers might be interested in what I did with persistence every day for nearly three weeks.

I exercised from one half hour to three quarters of an hour on a mat every morning. After that session I had a half hour body massage by hands which did not spare my feelings! Then a cooling shower and back to my home and duties. After luncheon I pulled myself away from my



A limbering exercise which Miss Lindsay did. Keeping knees and upper body straight stretch forward. It is difficult but good for one!

many tasks and went out to walk. If I did not have errands I invented them—but I did walk from one mile to three every day. The fresh air was good for me because when I returned my energy was revitalised so I could put in a few more hours of work.

During this time I ate as I always do—most sensibly. Many salads, fresh fruits and vegetables, milk, thin broths, little meat, no rich desserts or rich food of any kind. I found I needed whole grain cereal in the morning to create sufficient energy so I added that to my fruit juice and clear coffee.

Then I practiced saying "no" to people. "No, I can not accept your nice invitation, I am tired and must rest." That, my dears is the most difficult part of a re-conditioning programme. But at times we must learn to say "no" if we hope to relax and rest! Foot note—after three weeks I felt marvellous!



The mentally sketchy girl-friend says when her beau talks about taking life easy she can't help but wonder if he's lying down on the job.

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- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 tablespoon flour
- 1 can milk or light cream (using soup can for measure)
- 1 can condensed chicken soup
- 1/2 can condensed tomato soup
- 1/2 teaspoon curry powder

Melt the butter in a saucepan, add the flour and cook until frothy, then add the cream and cook until thickened (this is a thin cream sauce). Add the chicken soup, tomato soup and curry powder and heat thoroughly, but do not boil. Serves 4-6.

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## RADIO

12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercom-  
munion.  
12.30 p.m.—Marek Weber and His  
Orchestra with Richard Tauber  
(Tenor).Blumenlied, Op. 39 (Lange, arr.  
Blotgen); Luna Waltz (Lincke)...  
Marek Weber & his Orchestra.  
You're Mine (Derance-Slevier);  
One Song (film "Snow White and the  
Seven Dwarfs")...Richard Tauber  
(Tenor) with Orchestra. Tres Jolle  
—Waltz (Waldteufel)...Marek  
Weber & his Orchestra. Girls were  
made to Love and Kiss (Léhar)...  
Richard Tauber (Tenor) with Orch.  
Waldteufel Waltz Potpourri (arr.  
Silberman)...Marek Weber & his  
Orchestra.1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal.  
1.01 p.m.—Piano Duets by Rawicz and  
Landauer.Liszt in Rhythm (arr. by Rawicz &  
Landauer); Chopin's (arr. by  
Rawicz & Landauer); Slavonic  
Rhapsody (Friedmann).1.13 p.m.—Songs from the Films.  
"East side of Heaven"—Hang Your  
Heart on a Hickory Limb. Bing  
Crosby with Orchestra. "Aunt Sally"  
—We'll All Go Riding on a  
Rainbow; If I had Napoleon's Hat  
—Cecily Courtneidge. "Balala-  
ka"—Ride, Cossack, Ride. Nelson  
Eddy (Baritone) with Orchestra.  
"Listen, Darling"—Zing! Went the  
Strings of my Heart. Judy Gar-  
land with Orchestra.1.30 p.m.—Rugby Press and  
Announcements.1.45 p.m.—Roy Smeck and his Hawaiian  
Serenaders.Fox-Trots—On a Little Bamboo  
Bidge, What Will I Tell My  
Heart?; Moonlight on the Highway;  
Smoke from a Chimney. Moon  
Over Miami. You're Laughing at  
Me. This Year's Kiss (both from  
"On the Avenue"). I Wasn't Lying  
when I Said I Love You. Midnight  
Blue.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.10 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quo-  
tations.

6.32 p.m.—Dance Music.

Fox-Trot Ten Little Miles from  
Town. Slow Fox-Trot They Say  
Carroll Gibbons & the Savoy Hotel  
Orpheans. Fox-Trots: You're a  
Sweet Little Headache. I Have  
Eyes (both from film "Paris Honey-  
moon"). Geraldine & his Orch.  
Quick-Step: You must have been a  
Beautiful Baby. Tango: Romany  
Jack Harris & his Orchestra.  
Fox-Trots: Deep in a Dream, Nice  
People. Harry Roy & his Orch.  
Waltz—Three Green Bonnets.  
Dan Donovan & his Music.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay — "Questions  
of the Hour".

7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Programme.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and An-  
nouncements.

8.02 p.m.—An Hour of Variety.

Vocal Quartet — St. Louis Blues  
(Handy); I Heard (Redman).The Four Crotchets with Guitar  
Vocal—My Heart Belongs to Daddy  
(Porter)...Pat Kirkwood with  
Orchestra. Xylophone and Vibra-  
phone—Running Around...Harry  
Robbins and The Four Bright  
Sparks. Vocal—Most Gentlemen  
Don't Like Love (Porter)...Pat  
Kirkwood with Orchestra. Vibra-  
phone—Treacins...Harry Robbins  
and the Four Bright Sparks. Vocal  
Burlesque—Sonny Boy (de Sylva &  
Others); A Bird in a Gilded Cage  
(Lamb). Jerry Colonna with Fud  
and his Fuddy Bears. Organ—  
Temptation Rag (Lodge); Snash  
and Grab (Leach)...Donald  
Thorne Impersonations — Intro.The Street Singer (Singing  
"Home"); George Robey; Sophie  
Tucker (Singing "Some of these  
days"); Eddie Cantor (Singing  
"Making Whoopee"); Billy Ben-  
nett; Gigli (Singing "Marta")....  
Afrique with piano accomp. Vibra-  
phone and Xylophone—Nuttie Woods  
(Robbins); Buffoon (Confrey)....  
Harry Robbins with the Four  
Bright Sparks. Humorous Mono-  
logue—Old Sam's Party (Constan-  
duros)...Stanley Holloway with  
Piano. Vocal—I've Got No Strings  
(film "Pinocchio")....Pat Kirk-  
wood with Orchestra. Vocal Quar-  
tet—Sweet Sue, Just You (Harris &  
Young)...The Four Crotchets with  
Guitar.9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News &  
News Commentary.9.15 p.m.—"The Hope of a New World"  
—No. 4—"International Justice".  
Recorded talk by the Archbishop of  
York.

9.30 p.m.—Violin Solos.

Chanson Arabe (Rimsky-Korsakov,  
arr. by Kreisler); The Deluge—Pre-  
lude (Saint-Saens)...Toscha Seldel  
with piano accomp.Romance, Op. 78, No. 8; Danse  
Champetre, Op. 106, No. 2 (Sibe-  
lius)...Emil Telmányi, with piano  
accomp.9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on  
Short Wave only).

9.45 p.m.—Operatic Duets.

"Otello" Love Duet (Verdi)...Tiana  
Lomnitz (Soprano) and Torsten  
Ralf Tenor with Orchestra."The Pearl Fishers"—In the Depths  
of the Temple (Bizet)...Beniamino  
Gigli (Tenor) & Giuseppe de Luca  
(Baritone) with Orchestra.10.00 p.m.—Bruckner—Symphony No. 4.  
State Capella Orchestra.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.

## SCHOOL ESCAPES

An escape by boys in a Clyde-  
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to have been engineered because  
they were anxious about their  
parents in a bombed area.A break of the entire school  
had apparently been planned, but  
only 22 boys got clear. Some have  
already been recaptured and the  
remainder are expected back in  
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# TALKING PIG TELLS OF CHINESE JUNE ATTACK ON S'HA1

CHINESE SOURCES reported that Shanghai's  
5,000,000 Chinese residents are excitedly discussing  
the story of the talking pig who predicted that  
Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's forces will attack  
the city next month.The tale is heard everywhere,  
in streets, tea-houses and buses —  
repeated by coolies, rickshamen,  
policemen, storekeepers and  
housewives.

The story goes like this:

A four-year-old pig, which  
hitherto exhibited only a normal  
porcine grunting ability, suddenly  
spoke up last week to the farmer  
who owned him and revealed that  
he was able to talk.The pig promised important  
revelations if the farmer fed him  
10 pounds of dates, a luxury of  
which he had dreamed through-  
out his life. The farmer, who  
was penniless but also obviously  
a convincing talker, persuaded a  
store clerk to give him the dates  
on credit.After eating the fruit, the pig  
pronounced this prophecy:"Chinese 'planes will bomb  
Shanghai in June, and troops  
will attack the city.""Rice will rise to 200 dollars  
(mex) a bag, then drop to 20."  
As he spoke the last words, the  
pig rolled over dead.Either the pig or the farmer  
was a first class psychologist,  
since the two things that the  
Chinese desire most is the recap-  
ture of Shanghai by their country-  
men and a reduction in the rice  
price.The latter started to materi-  
alise with a drop of 10 dollars,  
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# THE OFFENSIVE IS LAUNCHED

## The Official Account

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In the first stage the enemy sent over massed formations of bombers escorted by similar formations of single and twin-engined fighters. Bombers were for the most part Ju. 87s (Dive-Bombers) with a smaller quantity of He. 111s, Do. 17s and Ju. 88s. Fighter escorts flew in large unwieldy formations from 5,000 to 10,000 ft. above the bombers where the protection they afforded was not very effective. Using these tactical formations the enemy made twenty-six attacks during this first stage. He began by renewing his assaults on our shipping. It may well be that this was still regarded as the most vulnerable form of target and easiest to attack, for not only are slow moving ships difficult to defend, but casualties among pilots of defence are always higher when actions are fought above water. He may also have wished to test the strength of our general defences. Success against these would augur well for the next stage. At any rate on the 8th August two convoys were fiercely attacked, one of them twice. Sixty enemy aircraft in the morning and more than a hundred soon after midday, deployed on a front of about twenty miles tried to sink or disperse a convoy off the Isle of Wight. They succeeded in sinking two ships. In the afternoon at 4.15 more than 130 appeared above another convoy off Bournemouth. This they were able to disperse but they lost fairly heavily in doing so. The enemy renewed the assault three days later, choosing as his targets the towns of Portland and Weymouth as well as convoys in the Thames Estuary and off Harwich. In these attacks he relied greatly on dive-bombers which proved no match for our Hurricanes. Nevertheless, some damage was done both in Portland and Weymouth. This may have encouraged him, for on the 12th August, in the early morning, he launched about 200 aircraft in eleven waves against Dover. Shortly before noon, 150 more enemy planes attacked Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight. By this time, German forces were already very considerable, for 182 aircraft had been destroyed.

On the 13th and 15th attacks on Portsmouth were renewed and in some of them, notably that which began soon after 5 p.m. on the 15th, between 300 and 400 aircraft were employed. The enemy was by now beginning to realise that our fighter force was considerably stronger than he had imagined. It was evidently time to take drastic action. Our fighters must be put out of commission. Therefore, while still maintaining his attacks on coastal towns, he sent large forces to deal with fighter aerodromes in South and South-East England: Dover, Deal, Hawkinge, Martesham, Lympne, Middle Wallop, Kenley, Biggin Hill, were heavily attacked, some of them many times. A number of the enemy penetrated as far as Croydon.

### German Losses Run Into Hundreds Of Aircraft

Once more the Luftwaffe did a certain amount of damage but at a cost which even Goering must have regarded as excessive. On that day, 15th August, 180 German aircraft are known to have been destroyed. Since the opening of the battle, he had now lost 472 aircraft. Nevertheless, he still returned to the charge, throwing in between 500 and 600 aircraft on the 16th August and about the same number on the 18th. Rochester, Kenley, Croydon, Biggin Hill, Manston, Westmalling, Gosport, Northolt, Tangmere, were the main targets. His losses were again very heavy. On those two days 245 aircraft were shot down. One of them, a Heinkel 111 fell to a Sergeant-Pilot flying an un-

armed Anson aircraft of a Training Command. Whether he intentionally rammed the enemy will never be known, for both aircraft fell to the ground interlocked and there were no survivors. On the 18th August, in an evening attack on the Thames Estuary, one squadron alone of thirteen Hurricanes shot down, without loss, an equal number of the enemy in 50 minutes.

In ten days since the opening of the attack on the 8th August, Goering had now lost 697 aircraft. Our own losses during the same period were not light for we lost 153. Sixty pilots were safe though some of them were wounded.

The pace was too hot to last. Goering called a halt and gave his Luftwaffe a rest which lasted for five days.

What had he hoped to achieve? Examination of the attacks shows he began by trying to destroy shipping and ports on the South-East and South coasts between North Foreland and Portland. This preliminary test must have shown him the strength of our defences. Nevertheless, he proceeded with his plan and next directed his attention to Portland and Portsmouth. Whether these objectives were too tough for him or whether he thought four heavy attacks upon them had accomplished his object, he turned away to deliver assaults on Fighter and Bomber Aerodromes, mostly near the coast. Throughout this first stage the tactics he followed were usually to open his attack on objectives near the coast in order to draw off our fighters. These feint attacks were followed thirty or forty minutes later by the real attack delivered against ports or aerodromes on the South Coast between Brighton and Portland.

The chief problem created by these tactics was to have sufficient number of fighters ready to engage the main attack as soon as it could be picked out. Squadrons at forward aerodromes had to be in instant readiness but had at the same time to be protected from bombing or machine-gun attacks. Only on one occasion was a squadron machine-gunned while refuelling at a forward aerodrome and this happened because the protective patrol had not been maintained overhead during the process.

Generally, the enemy attacks were countered by using about half the available squadrons to deal with enemy fighters and the rest to attack the enemy bombers which flew normally at from 11,000 to 15,000 ft. descending frequently to 7,000 or 8,000 ft. in order to drop their bombs. Our fighter tactics at this stage were to deliver attacks from astern on Me.109s, Me.110s. This type of attack proved effective because these aircraft were not then armoured. The success of our fighter tactics at this stage can be gauged by comparison between our losses in pilots and those of the enemy:—ratios about seven to one and they might have been even more striking if so much of the fighting had not taken place over the sea.

### Attack On Inland Aerodromes

Between the end of the first stage and the active beginning of the second, there was, as has been said, an interval of five days which were spent by the Germans in widespread reconnaissance by single aircraft some of which indulged in spasmodic bombing of aerodromes. These operations cost them 39 aircraft shot down. Our losses were ten aircraft, but six pilots were saved. During this lull, Goering evidently decided that a change of objectives was necessary. Perhaps he thought that he had achieved the necessary results and that Portsmouth, together with our

coastal aerodromes, were virtually out of action. Perhaps he was under the impression that inland aerodromes, factories and other industrial targets would not be as stoutly defended. It is more probable, however, that he merely gave the order for the second part of the plan to be put into operation and disregarded the failure of the first part—either deliberately or because he had no alternative. In this next stage diversionary attacks against different parts of the country became less frequent. The main attacks were now delivered on a wider front. The enemy's tactics were also changed. The number of escorting fighters was increased and the size of bomber formations reduced. The covering fighter screen flew at very great heights. Enemy bomber formations were also protected by a box of fighters, some of which flew slightly above the flank or in the rear, others slightly above and ahead and yet others, weaving in and out between and under the formations of bombers. This type of formation succeeded on several occasions in breaking through the forward screens of our fighter forces by sheer weight of numbers and attaining their objectives even after numerous casualties had been inflicted. On other occasions smallish formations of enemy long range bombers deliberately left their fighter escort as soon as it had joined battle and proceeded towards South or South-West London unaccompanied. They suffered heavy casualties when engaged by our rear rank of fighters.

Having thus altered his tactical formations, the enemy proceeded to deliver some 35 major attacks between the 24th August and 5th September. His object, as has been said, was to put out of action inland fighter aerodromes and aircraft factories. He did not, however, disdain purely residential districts in Kent, Thames Estuary and Essex. These could in no case be described as of military importance.

### 800 Aircraft Attack Fighter Aerodromes

From the 24th to the 29th August, he still showed interest in Portland, Dover and Manston, all of which were heavily attacked. He added other targets as well. Several areas in Essex came in for attention. There was fierce fighting over the North Foreland, Gravesend and Deal. At 6.45 p.m. on the 24th, 110 German bombers and fighters met a number of our squadrons in the neighbourhood of Maidstone but turned and fled before they could be engaged.

The next day he returned to Portsmouth and Southampton where, once again he achieved no success. The main attack, delivered at 4 p.m., went astray. A large number of bombs fell into the sea. Heavy assaults were also made in the Dover and Folkestone area and above the Thames Estuary and Kent. These continued with a lull of one day until the 30th August. That day and the next the assault was switched to inland fighter aerodromes. 800 aircraft were used in a most determined effort to destroy or temporarily put out of use the aerodromes at Kenley, North Weald, Hornchurch, Debden, Lympne, Detling, Duxford, Northolt and Biggin Hill.

The opening of September showed little, if any, falling off in the assaults of the enemy. There were three heavy attacks on the 1st September, five on the 2nd, one on the 3rd, two on the 4th and 5th. One of the attacks on the 2nd got to within ten miles of London, but most of them were once again directed against fighter aerodromes. This was the last of 35 main attacks delivered in this phase. They cost the German

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## GIRL DEAD: MAN IS DETAINED

The police have detained a man in connection with the death of Catherine Graham, a twenty-two-year-old domestic servant, who was found dead at the base of a bridge across the River Dee at Aberdeen. The man will appear in the police court.

Miss Graham had been dancing in a local hotel on the Wednesday evening, and the police wish to interview two naval men who are thought to have spoken to a couple seen near the bridge. The girl's death appeared to be due to a 20ft. fall.

562 aircraft known to have been destroyed. Our own losses were 219 aircraft, but 132 of our pilots were saved.

During these twelve days, our own tactical dispositions were altered so as to meet the changed form of attack. The effect of this was to cause the enemy to be met in greater strength and farther away from his inland objectives, while such of his aircraft as were successful in eluding this forward defence were dealt with by squadrons farther in the rear.

The heavy task of the defence can be realised by the fact that in these first two phases, this great battle from the 8th August 5th September inclusive, no fewer than 4,523 fighter patrols, of varying strength in aircraft, were flown in daylight—an average of 150 daily.

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ARMY SPORTLIGHT

# LARGE AND SMALL UNITS BASEBALL LEAGUES MOOTED

## Corporals Beat Sergeants In Annual Hockey Game

### ARMY TEAMS NOMINATED FOR TENNIS LEAGUE

By "Squaddy"

LAST FRIDAY Middlesex Regiment (The Duke of Cambridge's Own) celebrated their famous battle honour "Albuhera" which was fought on the heights of Albuhera on May 16, 1811.

As is the custom of the Regiment, it was celebrated in true "Diehards" style. They received the name of "Diehards" through this battle when their commanding officer, Col. Inglis, rallied his men together by shouting "Die Hard My Men, Die Hard" and he shouted this as he was mortally wounded.

They commenced the day with other Units to follow them. They the Band and Drums beating plenty of followers.

This year the only sporting event was that of the Inter-Me regiments hockey which was won by the Corporals' Men, who defeated Sergeants in the final by three clear goals.

In the previous rounds the Privates lost to the Corporals 4-0, and the Sergeants beat the Officers 5-0.

During the morning the Sergeants entertained the Officers in their mess, and during the evening the gesture was reversed.

#### BASEBALL

IN future Baseball will have a great influence in the Army stationed in the Colony, and as we already know, a stand is being erected on the Chatham Road ground for this purpose.

This is being done to encourage baseball in the Army and give baseball a good start to get on a proper basis, such as football and other sporting event in the Colony.

Royal Engineers, who are the only baseball team from the Army are not doing so bad and it will be a good form of sport for Army and the best individual



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#### CHALLENGE BOWLS MATCH

It is learned that a challenge lawn bowls match will be played at Chatham Road on Sunday between Kowloon Football Club and a team representing Hong Kong Softball Association.

throw was that of Pte. Lever who threw 43.59 metres. This was 113ft. 12in., and not as good as his previous throw in the Command sports.

Lever also had the best individual throw for the Javelin with 48.43 metres (157ft. 5 1/2 ins.).

The Chinese best throw was that of Lo Shin-shek with 41.53 metres (135ft. 2 1/2 in.).

In the long distance runs the Indian personnel of the Army team were much too good for the Chinese and had the first four competitors in both runs.

In the hurdles Army were well extended and it was only for the fine jumping of Capt. Skipwith in the last take over that they managed to win by a few feet.

The 1,600 metres race was also a tight race with the Chinese taking the lead twice but could not just make the last stretch.

In this race, L/Cpl. Cox (Middlesex) ran well, as also Pte Goodair who has run for the Battalion on and off for a good number of seasons. I am told that this would be the last season that Cox would be running for the Battalion.

#### TENNIS

THE Army teams for the Second and Third Division for the Hong Kong Lawn Tennis League are as follows:

2nd Division  
Cpl. L. A. Newnham, M.C.  
Capt. R. E. Guest, Capt. C. H. R. Hyde and Lieut. T. A. Pearce.  
3rd Division  
Sgt. Denyer, Sgt. Webb, Sgt. Murray and S/Sgt. Megson.



### HOME SOCCER FIXTURES

The following are Home Football fixtures for May 24:-

#### London Cup

Millwall	v	Arsenal
Aldershot	v	Crystal Palace
Brentford	v	Reading
Cardiff City	v	Portsmouth
Fulham	v	Southend
Tottenham	v	Leicester
Walsall	v	Nottingham Forest
Watford	v	Queen's Park Rangers
Westham	v	Chelsea

#### North Regional League

Blackpool	v	Preston
Everton	v	North End
Manchester City	v	Sheffield United
Sheffield	v	Sheffield
Wanderers	v	Wanderers
York City	v	Middlesbrough

#### Regional Match

Chesterfield	v	Stoke City
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## SOME PECULIAR SITUATIONS IN FOOTBALL SEEN

FOOTBALL HAS BEEN responsible for some peculiar situations this season, the least odd being the award of a cup tie to Barnsley this season, because of their higher league position, compared with Grimsby Town, their opponents in an undecided tie. Then there is the Selhurst Park incident with referee and both teams leaving the field, only to return and continue from where they left off following a difference of opinion, writes a Home Correspondent.

### GOLDMAN PLAYS WELL: FIRST LEAGUE TENNIS MATCH

The League tennis season for 1941 made an inauspicious start yesterday, only match of the First Division fixtures that was completed being the H.K.C.C.-K.C.C. game which was won by the visitors in a steady drizzle culminating in a down-pour.

Both teams are to be commended for completing the fixture which, under the circumstances, might quite justifiably have been postponed.

The standard yesterday was poor, which is not very surprising, and only player who did not seem to be unduly affected was "Lollie" Goldman, who, in his first match since his return from leave, was in a class by himself.

Monaghan and Gould only just lost a vital set against Guest and Grose as they were leading 4-1, 5-2, only to lose 5-7. In their final set also, this pair were leading Burnett and Crawford by 5 games to 2, when Monaghan broke his glasses and, as the result of the match was not affected, the set was not completed.

K.C.C. were without Gray, who was indisposed, and F. Kengelbacher, who partnered "Lollie" Fincher, deputised.

L. Goldman and M. Paoh (H.K.C.C.)	beat	E. F. Fincher and F. Kengelbacher	6-1
beat	A. E. P. Guest and F. Grose	6-2	
beat	A. Crawford and G. C. Burnett	6-2	
T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould (H.K.C.C.)	lost to	Fincher and Kengelbacher	6-3
lost to	Guest and Grose	7-5	
led	Burnett and Crawford	6-2	
C. H. R. Oxlade and A. H. Barwell (H.K.C.C.)	lost to	Fincher and Kengelbacher	6-2
lost to	Guest and Grose	6-2	
lost to	Burnett and Crawford	6-3	

#### TO-DAY'S TENNIS PROGRAMME

Following is to-day's "B" Division Tennis League programme:  
C.R.C. v. A.T.C.  
K.C.C. v. C.S.C.C.  
C.R.C.—Liang, Sal-wah, and Pang Oi-lam; Choy Ping-fun and Ng Kam-chuen; Wong Siu-wing and Luk Ting-cheong.  
K.C.C.—A. E. P. Guest, and F. Grose; F. Zimmermann and R. T. Broadbridge; N. A. E. Mackay and R. S. Capell.

The match between South China and Kowloon Tong had been postponed, owing to the unfitness of the ground of the home team.

#### Parallel in Ireland

The parallel to this case occurred in Ireland some years ago when a team did not arrive for a match. A rule ordained that, to get the points, the team present, in the absence of one side, must score a goal. So the eleven players duly turned out, the forwards dribbled towards goal and one of them shot hard—but not true. The ball sailed wide. With no opposition there was nobody to take the goal-kick, and so the game had to be left drawn.

The Selhurst Park trouble arose over a penalty which Brentford objected to. After a little argument the referee left the field and the players followed. Discussions ensued, with the referee threatening appropriate action but, after fifteen minutes, all went back to the field. The penalty was taken and converted, and the game ended in a 5-0 win for Palace.

A sequel is almost certain because the referee will have to make a full report of the incident to the appropriate authorities. Crystal Palace do not appear to be at fault but, unfortunately, it was the third time this season that there had been an "incident" on their ground.

#### Grimsby Remembers

Grimsby are not likely to forget their fate in the cup, when Barnsley were given the tie because of a superior league record. Grimsby, in an endeavour to secure amends, suggested that they should take a share of the gates of Barnsley's third round ties, and there seemed bright hopes of this state of affairs prevailing until Barnsley said "No!"

The latest hint, however, is that the League may be asked to consider the case. It certainly seems the right thing to do because Grimsby were not beaten in the cup game. Sheer bad luck, and the strangest of decisions by the powers that be, ordained that they had been eliminated. A good run in the cup, with consequent income from attendances, is more necessary in these days than ever, and compensation in the way of a "gate" share, will not completely heal the wound, but it will ease the pain.

#### FIRST DIVISION MATCH

Recreio will meet South China at King's Park in a First Division match postponed from yesterday.



## "BABY" JOCKEY GOES BACK TO SCHOOL

Edward Mumford, "baby" among National Hunt riders, has had his path to fame as a jockey cut short unexpectedly, writes a correspondent from London.

After he had ridden so well in a hurdle race at Cheltenham on his first appearance in public, the boy was taken in hand by Freddie Fox, the ex-jockey, and on his recommendation Fred Templeman decided to take the boy as an apprentice at his Lambourne stable.

Since then two events have happened. First Eddie has had his thirteenth birthday, and second, the education authorities have got on his track.

### Wanted At School

This is what his father, Mr. George Mumford, an amateur rider and a butcher at Culworth, near Banbury, told a reporter recently at Southwell.

"Eddie went to Lambourne, and each morning for a week he rode out twice. He went to school in the afternoon. Then the education authorities informed Mr. Templeman the boy must attend school in the morning as well as the afternoon.

As he could not do that and carry out his work as well, I decided to have him back at Culworth to continue his studies at the village school until he is 14.

"It is a great pity, because he had been promised rides by a number of trainers. Possibly I shall take out a licence to train myself so that I can have the boy's indentures."

So Eddie, who had his second ride in public on River Fox has now to bend his head over his lessons for nearly another year.

# PLANS LAID BY AAU TO AID U.S. DEFENCE

## BOWLS TEAMS

Following clubs have selected their lawn bowls teams for Saturday:—

H.K.E.R.C.  
W. E. Macfarlane, E. L. Groomer, J. F. Barron and L. de Rome (Skip), A. P. Tarbuck, J. R. Way, C. E. Gabagan and J. K. Sloan (Skip), A. F. Paul, W. Stoker, A. G. Card and J. F. Lanny (Skip).  
Reserve—W. Stonehouse.

## GOLF COMPETITIONS

Results in the Adamson Cup Golf competition played during the week-end were:

### FIRST ROUND

W. Stoker (15) beat G. W. Reeve (11) 5 and 4, A. E. Clarke (11) beat S. T. Butlin 1 hole.

### SEMI-FINAL

Stoker beat G. E. Willerton (12) 3 and 2; Clarke beat F. Buckle (12) 4 and 3.

First round results of the Junior Section Championship were:

W. J. Buller beat A. L. Powell; W. V. Ahern beat R. M. Keown; J. Young beat D. W. Beeken; H. Smith beat T. B. Low.

The Stableford Competition was cancelled owing to insufficient entries.

## BASEBALL MEETING TO-DAY

The annual meeting of the H.K. Baseball League will be held to-day at 6 p.m. at the Texaco Company. Business will include the election of officers and the fixing of the opening date for the official season.

ONE OF THE greatest efforts ever made in the name of physical fitness is surely that of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States. They pledged to the President of the United States full and complete cooperation in connection with civilian physical preparedness as an aid to National Defence.

It is easy to make pledges, but difficult to keep them, but the manner in which the A.A.U. have started their task suggests that there need be no fear of their pledge being broken.

A plan calculated to stimulate interest has been submitted to the 41 district associations which supervise sports throughout the 48 States. Divisions in outlying districts are being formed, each with local autonomy, and as many of them will function in areas which have hitherto been undeveloped so far as the pursuit of athletic sport is concerned, there are likely to be thousands of newcomers to organised athletics, a point which must help in the fitness of the nation.

### Thousands To Learn

By preaching and teaching in every section of the vast continent thousands of young people will, perhaps for the first time, be taught the advantages of wholesome competitive athletics.

When considering the vast expanse of the United States it will not be easy to complete the anticipated scheme, but progress already made spells success.

While there is still no news of the Amateur Athletic Association in Great Britain, making any big plans for the Summer, the ruling body is not idle.

### Championships In June

Southern junior championships have been fixed for June at the Polytechnic Stadium, at Chiswick, a venue that may prove very popular for sporting events this Summer.

## VETERANS' SHOOT

The Hong Kong Special Guard Company "Hughes Group" held their first Rifle meeting at Kowloon City Range on Sunday. As this was the first time that some of the members have had a chance to fire a Service rifle since 1914-1918, the results were very satisfactory.

At the close of the meet, a competitive detail match was held, which resulted in two details of eight members each scoring a total of 115. The winning detail was decided when Mr. Langston and Mr. Roscoe shot it out, and the result was an overwhelming victory for the latter.

## JUNIOR CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

Six games in the Colony Junior Chess Championship were completed during the past week, and 21 remain to be played before the Tournament will be closed.

The most important game of the week in the Tournament was started but had to be adjourned with Biriukoff holding an advantage of a pawn over To Yu-lau.

A win for Biriukoff will almost assure him of the Junior Chess Championship.

The week's results were:—R. C. Gardner beat E. M. Putrove, Un Kwai-yung beat J. Tausz, R. C. Gardner drew with Un Kwai-yung, A. Kurrik beat Wm. Lee, R. C. Danenberg beat J. Grefalda and A. Morton beat J. H. d'Almeida.

## WAH YAN OLD BOYS' SPORTS

The Wah Yan Past Students' Association will hold its fourth annual sports meeting at Caroline Hill on Sunday at 10.30 a.m.

The programme is:—Long Jump, "B" Grade 50-metres, "A" Grade 100 metres, Shot Put, High Jump.

Little Visitors' Race, 50 metres race (for women workers of the Wah Yan War Relief Association), "A" Grade 200 metres, Obstacle race.

Tug of War (Old Boys v Present Boys), Football Match (Old Boys v Present Boys), 400-metres relay (Open to the Colony).

# MISS HARDWICK TO APPLY FOR REINSTATEMENT AS AMATEUR

NO DIFFICULTIES are presented when a sportsman, or sportswoman, decides to change from amateurism to professionalism; the trouble begins when he, or she, desires to return to the amateur ranks.

The question comes to mind when considering the case of Miss Mary Hardwick, who changed her status, towards the close of 1940, and began a tour with Miss Alice Marble, W. T. Tilden and Don Budge.

Miss Hardwick has, incidentally, won a second victory over Miss Marble, the Wimbledon and American title-holder. This was at Jolake (Arizona) where, after losing the first set 5-7, she ran out with 6-3, 8-6 to take the match.

### Reinstatement Wanted

It has been stated that Miss Hardwick will apply for reinstatement as an amateur after the war and should this occur her case would naturally, receive every consideration.

Miss Hardwick, shortly after changing her status, explained her own point of view very clearly. It was noteworthy that, when she gave an interview, she spoke, not

so much of the tennis she would play but of the use to which her services as a professional could be put.

"It was hard to give up my amateur standing," she said, "you can understand what that sort of thing means to a family like mine. But I don't want to be just a useless refugee. It is the only way I have of making any money and the only way I can contribute to the British war fund. I've been working a lot with the Bundles for Britain committee, but I wanted to contribute directly. First I had to persuade my family; that was not easy; finally they understood. My brothers were the worst, they're not much more than schoolboys really, although they're fighting. The family wanted me to stay in the country (America) but they couldn't send me money. In every single town, I'm going to meet with the Bundles for Britain Committee. Maybe I'll make speeches that will help the cause; I'd like to. I won't mind the

travelling and playing so often because I'll know that every night some of the money is going into the war fund."

### To Bring Family

"When the war is over," added Miss Hardwick, "I'm going to bring my family out here for a holiday. They won't have any money by then and that would be wonderful. They must see this country where everybody has been so nice to me."

Later Miss Hardwick said that she had told Mr. Holcombe Ward, President of the United States L.T.A., that she would continue to play with the same spirit as if they were all Wightman Cup matches, and that it had always been that way.

She has certainly maintained that promise for her matches with Miss Marble have been fought, not like exhibition games, but as though she were battling on the Wimbledon centre court in the final of the championship.

### Kalogropoulos Reinstated

A few months ago the question of restoring amateur status occurred with A. Kalogropoulos, of Greece, who for eighteen months in 1933/34 was a professional, and was then reinstated.

An application last year to play in an American tournament was refused because of his one time professionalism and he took the matter further, with satisfactory results.

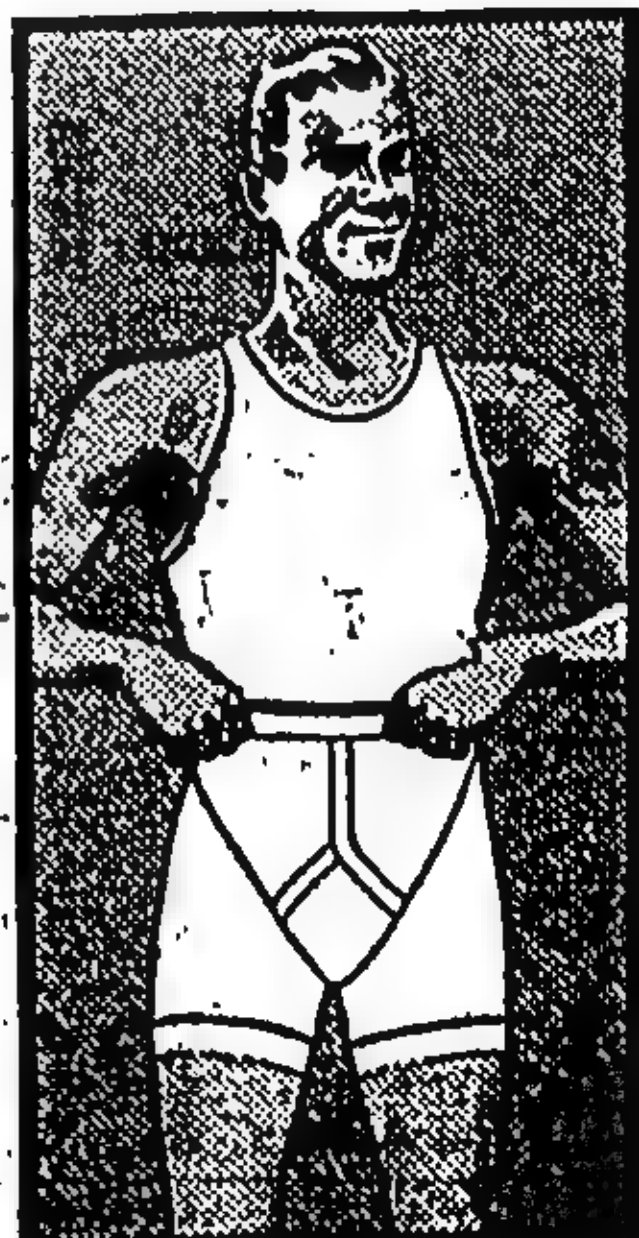
He was wrongly informed that there was a clause in the rules that "once having been a professional he could never be classed as amateur again." That is wrong, because there is a law which says "persons only who have never lost, abandoned or recovered their status as amateurs shall be eligible to compete...." etc., and it is those three words "recovered their status," which prove that amateurism can be regained.



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## Fall Of Amba Alagi Virtually Ends Campaign

### CRITICAL STAGE REACHED

The critical stage has now been reached where American supplies to the battlefields must be safeguarded, says the "Stockholm Dagensnyheter."

The U.S. Navy and Air Force must intervene, and it is only a question of what form the intervention will take.

One must assume that the President is now preparing public opinion for convoys.

A bridge of vessels across the Atlantic makes the danger of hostilities between the Axis and the U.S.A. imminent.

The German press has been very reserved in its treatment of American affairs.

Hitler's recent speech revealed that Germany now admits the importance of American help and the German press has now suddenly abandoned its caution and is describing President Roosevelt as really responsible for the war.—Reuter.

### NAZI BOMBERS KEEP ON GROUND

Only a few hostile aircraft were reported over Britain, mostly over coastal districts, up to a late hour last night.

It appeared unlikely that a large-scale attack would develop anywhere.—Reuter.

## Power Of Offensive Broken

**THE COLLAPSE OF ITALIAN RESISTANCE AT AMBA ALAGI AND THE SURRENDER OF THE DUKE OF AOSTA MEANS THE PRACTICAL TERMINATION OF THE ABYSSINIAN CAMPAIGN.**

Reuter's diplomatic correspondent learns there are still a few scattered pockets where small bodies of Italians are holding out but their power of offensive has been completely broken and they can be safely left to be dealt with at leisure by the Patriot forces.

The forces which will be liberated as a result of these very successful operations are not inconsiderable and may have a decisive influence not only on the war which is being waged in the Libyan desert but on operations against Iraq and Syria.

The magnificent services in Abyssinia of the South African Air Force have proved the quality and skill of these fighters and bombers and they will be especially welcome at the present juncture, when there are distinct indications of a turn in the tide in Libya.

It seems to have reached high water mark at Sollum and not to have made any further inroads

at Tobruk, rather the reverse of anything.

It is yet too early to forecast where Germany will attempt to exercise the greatest pressure.

### "Flying Bridge"

There is no evidence that large forces are being sent to Syria. A number of troops and planes have been rushed to Iraq but it will not be easy to build up a substantial force, especially one with striking powers, by aeroplanes alone.

Although the Germans have boasted of their "flying bridge" to Tripoli, it is physically impossible for them to have conveyed by air heavy tanks such as have appeared in Cyrenaica. It becomes increasingly evident that they must have been sent across with French connivance.—Reuter.

### BRITISH CIVILIANS EVACUATING

The evacuation of Syria and Lebanon by British, American and Palestine subjects, on the advice of their consuls, is reported in a despatch to the Independent French Agency.

Mining of the road from Beirut to northern Palestine is reported but unconfirmed.—Reuter.

### TRIBUTE BY GEN. SMUTS

General Jan Smuts, South African Premier, has sent a message to General Cunningham, who commands the Imperial forces in East Africa.

The message runs: "I send you our warm congratulations on the crowning victory of Amba Alagi which is a just reward for your brilliant leadership and the high quality of your brave officers and men."

"The whole Abyssinian campaign will take a high place in the annals of warfare and will add an illustrious chapter to African and South African history."—Reuter.

### SOVIET ORGANISING PARASHOTS

The Soviet Union, which originated the technique of parachute soldiers, has taken a leaf out of Britain's defence book in co-opting civilian defence against this new form of warfare.

The Soviet radio stated yesterday that 13,000 miners were among a large number of citizens who took part in defence exercises in the important industrial centre of Stalino (formerly Hughesorka).

Parachutists unsuccessfully tried to take the mines, radio station and metallurgical station. Stalino lies in the Don Basin.

### TAXATION DOUBLED

Addressing the London Chamber of Commerce, the Financial Secretary to the Treasury, said that the increase in taxation since the autumn of 1939 involved £788,000,000.

That was more than the annual average of the whole taxation revenue for ten years.—Reuter.

### AMERICAN NAVAL PROGRAMME

The U.S. House of Representatives yesterday passed and transmitted to the Senate a Bill authorising the construction of about 580 naval auxiliaries totalling 550,000 tons at an estimated cost of \$350,000,000.—Reuter.

In the Ukraine just north of the Black Sea, and is the centre of rich coal, iron and manganese ores. It has a population of 300,000.—Reuter.

## STOP PRESS

THE TOKYO NEWSPAPER "YOMIURI" TO-DAY GIVES PROMINENCE TO A JAPANESE DESPATCH FROM HANOI OF AN ALLEGED UNITED STATES WARNING TO THE INDO-CHINA GOVERNMENT THAT IN THE EVENTUALITY OF INDO-CHINA MOVING CLOSER TO THE AXIS POWERS THE UNITED STATES WILL TAKE RETALIATORY MEASURES.

The warning, the newspaper adds, comes just at the time when the Vichy Government has agreed to closer collaboration with Germany.

The Indo-China Government, it is reported by the newspaper is shortly replying to the United States.—Reuter.

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## SHAUKIWAN JUNK EXPLOSION

Eight Chinese were severely burned last night when an explosion occurred in the hold of a junk at Shaukiwan and set the boat on fire.

A 16-year-old lad escaped unharmed, being in a sampan alongside the junk when the explosion occurred.

The men were originally the crew of a junk which left Swatow with a cargo for Hong Kong last week.

On Friday they took to a sampan and abandoned their junk when a Japanese armed trawler was observed approaching.

Drifting in the sampan for almost two days, they saw a large junk in the distance near San Mun Customs Station, found it deserted and decided to sail it to Hong Kong, arriving late yesterday afternoon at Shaukiwan.

Before making a report to the Police, the men started to cook a meal and about an hour later the explosion occurred in the hold.

The Police are investigating.

### NO REPRISALS BY VICHY EXPECTED

The Berlin correspondent of the Madrid newspaper "Alcazar" reports that it is not expected in Berlin that the Vichy Government will take reprisals for the British bombing of Syrian aerodromes.

It is felt, however, that Petain and Darlan are studying what are termed "protective measures."—Reuter.

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## UNITED STATES ON THE VERGE OF "TREMENDOUS DECISION"

### MARQUIS' CURIOUS 'EXPOSE'

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Marquis d'Aguiar, registered propagandist for the Spanish Catholic and Monarchist parties, announced in Washington yesterday he has given the State Department information of alleged German-Spanish agreements.

THE MARQUIS CLAIMED THAT UNDER A SECRET PACT FOUR SHIPLOADS OF ARMS HAVE BEEN SENT TO MEXICO AND CHILE IN PREPARATION FOR A "LATIN-AMERICAN REVOLT."

The State Department admitted receipt of the information but no other sources can confirm the alleged report and officials are not inclined to give it a great deal of credence.

The Marquis declared: "I have given the State Department information showing that German advisers are stationed in every Spanish legation in Latin-America, directing an anti-America campaign."

"General Franco, on October 8, 1938, signed a secret agreement placing the national and international policies of Spain under Nazi direction." — International News Service.

### NEARLY 200 AMERICANS PERISH

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Almost 200 Americans may have perished when the World War American transport "Zamzam" was sunk "by enemy action" in the South Atlantic under the neutral Egyptian flag.

Officials in Washington are tensely awaiting details of the first major war loss of Americans at sea since the "Athenia" torpedoed at the beginning of the war.

Twenty-four young American volunteers of the British-American Ambulance Corps, en route to join the Free French at Lake Chad, were among the 203 passengers and 120 crew reported lost.

Most of the other Americans were Catholic and Protestant missionaries going to Africa. Cairo quarters announced that the 8,290-ton "Zamzam" is almost

## Message May Go To Congress During This Week

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PREVAILING OPINION IN WASHINGTON IS THAT THE UNITED STATES IS APPROACHING FULL PARTNERSHIP WITH BRITAIN, AND THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT IS ON THE VERGE OF A "TREMENDOUS DECISION."

The President's fireside chat may be delivered on May 27 but Senator Barkley, after a White House conference yesterday, indicated that President Roosevelt might dispatch a momentous message to Congress this week, "owing to the urgency of the situation."

### SPITFIRE PILOTS MAKE HAY

Four Spitfires patrolling over the Channel yesterday afternoon encountered 10 Messerschmidt fighters, shot down five of them in as many minutes without loss to themselves and then, with ammunition spent, raced home safely though pursued by over 30 other Messerschmidts.

Two of the Spitfire pilots got two each and the third got one, says the Air Ministry news service.

Only one German had time to bale out, the others crashing into the sea in their machines. "It was grand," said one pilot, "but I could not stay long, for as soon as I had got my two, I saw about 25 other 'yellow noses' (Messerschmidts) going at us and I had no more ammunition." — Reuters.

#### Revenge

The fight gave the pilots revenge, for earlier in the day a formation of ME109's had pounced on two machines from the same squadron and shot them down. Both pilots baled out and were saved.

This squadron now claims 87 victories. — British Wireless.

### ROOSEVELT TO ASK CONGRESS FOR DECISION?

According to reports circulating in Washington yesterday President Roosevelt has discussed with legislative leaders the possibility that he will soon send to Congress a special message on foreign affairs, says Reuter.

### Open Warfare Feared

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The German radio, in an obvious attempt to spread Anglo-French ill feeling, claimed yesterday that French planes went aloft to defend Syrian aerodromes from R.A.F. bombers.

The report claims the rival planes clashed, though no details are given.

Diplomatic quarters in Ankara fear open warfare between the British and Vichy French in the Near East, and the British Ambassador to Turkey has questioned the Turks about the possibility of war materials being sent across Turkey to Iraq.

In London, Free French circles say General Dentz, Syrian High Commissioner, helped the Italo-German armistice commission to move mechanised units and some of the latest planes, belonging to the French army, across Syria to Iraq. — International News Service.

a month overdue and "must be presumed lost." She left Jersey City on March 20, halted at Pernambuco on April 8, and left the next day, being due at Capetown on April 21. — International News Service.

### SOVIET MAKING A DEAL

The Soviet Army has begun its Spring manoeuvres with a considerable concentration of troops in the region of Tashkent, near the frontier of Iran, according to a despatch from the "New York Times" Ankara correspondent quoted by Ankara radio last night.

The correspondent cites diplomatic reports in Ankara as indicating that Russia and Germany "would appear to be arranging some sort of joint action in the Middle East."

He specifically mentions reports of negotiations for the use by Germany of Russian ships on the Black Sea to transport war materials to Russian ports for transit to Iran and Iraq. — Reuters.

### PHILIPPINES EXPORT CONTROL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The U.S. House of Representatives yesterday unanimously passed the White House's Bill placing the Philippines and other possessions under export licensing control. — International News Service.



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# DOSE OF OWN MEDICINE

## R.A.F. Pounds Away At Nazis In Libya Tanks Put Out Of Action

A LARGE FORMATION of R.A.F. and South African aircraft carried out attacks on enemy tanks between Fort Capuzzo and Hali-faya "Hellfire" Pass on Sunday, according to yesterday's R.A.F. communique in Cairo.

A number of tanks were put out of action and serious damage inflicted on many more transport vehicles.

British fighters made extensive patrols but no decisive engagements with the enemy resulted.

During the night of Friday/Saturday aerodromes at Menusir and Burcheta were raided, and Benghazi and Derna were also attacked on the following night by British bombers.

Full details of these operations are not yet available but it is known that considerable damage was caused.

During operations over Tobruk three German dive-bombers were shot down by A.A. fire.

In Abyssinia, British aircraft continue to assist the troops in mopping up operations. Attacks are mainly confined to enemy motor transport retreating along the roads.

### Syria Bombings

In Syria, bombing attacks were made on Palmyra aerodrome, where one large German transport aircraft and one Heinkel III were destroyed by fire.

German aircraft on Damascus aerodrome and at Rayak were also bombed and machine-gunned.

Raids were also made on Raschid aerodrome, in Iraq.

### Raid On Rhodes

A number of fires were started at Calisto aerodrome, on the island of Rhodes, as a result of a raid carried out on Saturday night.

During enemy attacks on Allied aerodromes in Crete, one Dornier 17 and another unidentified aircraft were shot down by A.A. guns.

From all these operations one British aircraft is missing, Reuter.

## LICENCE PUZZLE

Sir, There are many questions which I would like to ask and would appreciate answers (if any):

(a) Why is it that some Export Licences are held back for over a period of sometimes a week, when others, which are for the same destination, are signed on the same day? Maybe the staff could enlighten us.

(b) Why is it that they refuse to give an explanation why some Licences are refused? Haven't we got a right to know? Aren't we tax-paying citizens?

(c) Why don't they employ competent men who know right away the nature of the application without enquiring from the Exporters, (after a delay of five or six days, whether intentional or not, I do not know).

(d) Why do they insist on exact date of departure of the steamers when they know that it is against the Regulations for any shipping company to impart such information?

(e) Why do they insist on any applications for alteration in the Licence Form to be made within 7 days from the date of application when they do not return same till 10 or 12 days later?

(f) Why do Civil Servants insist on being incivil?

"EASY MONEY."

## CANADIANS HOLD SPORTS GALA

The Princess Royal yesterday attended a gala sports meeting of the Royal Canadian Signals of which she is Colonel-in-Chief.

Lieut-General A. G. L. McNaughton, Canadian Corps Commander, Major-General V. W. Odium, G.O.C., Second Canadian Division, and other senior officers were present.—British Wireless.

## JAPAN AIDS AXIS INTRIGUES

A sensational story of how Japan has been assisting Axis intrigues in the Middle East is reported in the "News-Chronicle" by Mr. Gedye, well-known ex-"Daily Telegraph" correspondent in Central Europe.

In the underground campaign throughout the Moslem countries in the Middle East inciting the Moslems to a jihad, Gedye reveals, the Japanese Consul in Beirut who is a Japanese Moslem graduate of the famous Alazhar University, Cairo, and who speaks fluent Arabic, has been assiduously distributing propaganda urging "Asia for the Asiaties."

The Japanese, Gedye alleges, have been allowing German and Italian espionage organisations to use Japanese diplomatic bags.—Central News.

## GERMAN STEAMER MYSTERY

The mystery of the whereabouts of the German freighter "Lech" (3,290 tons) which left Rio de Janeiro on April 28, has deepened following a report made by officers of the Brazilian vessel "Pirangy."

When the "Pirangy" arrived in Rio on Monday, an officer who was on the bridge on the night of May 4 declared that off Abrolhos, south of Bahia, he saw several ship's boats in which sailors made signals with lights.

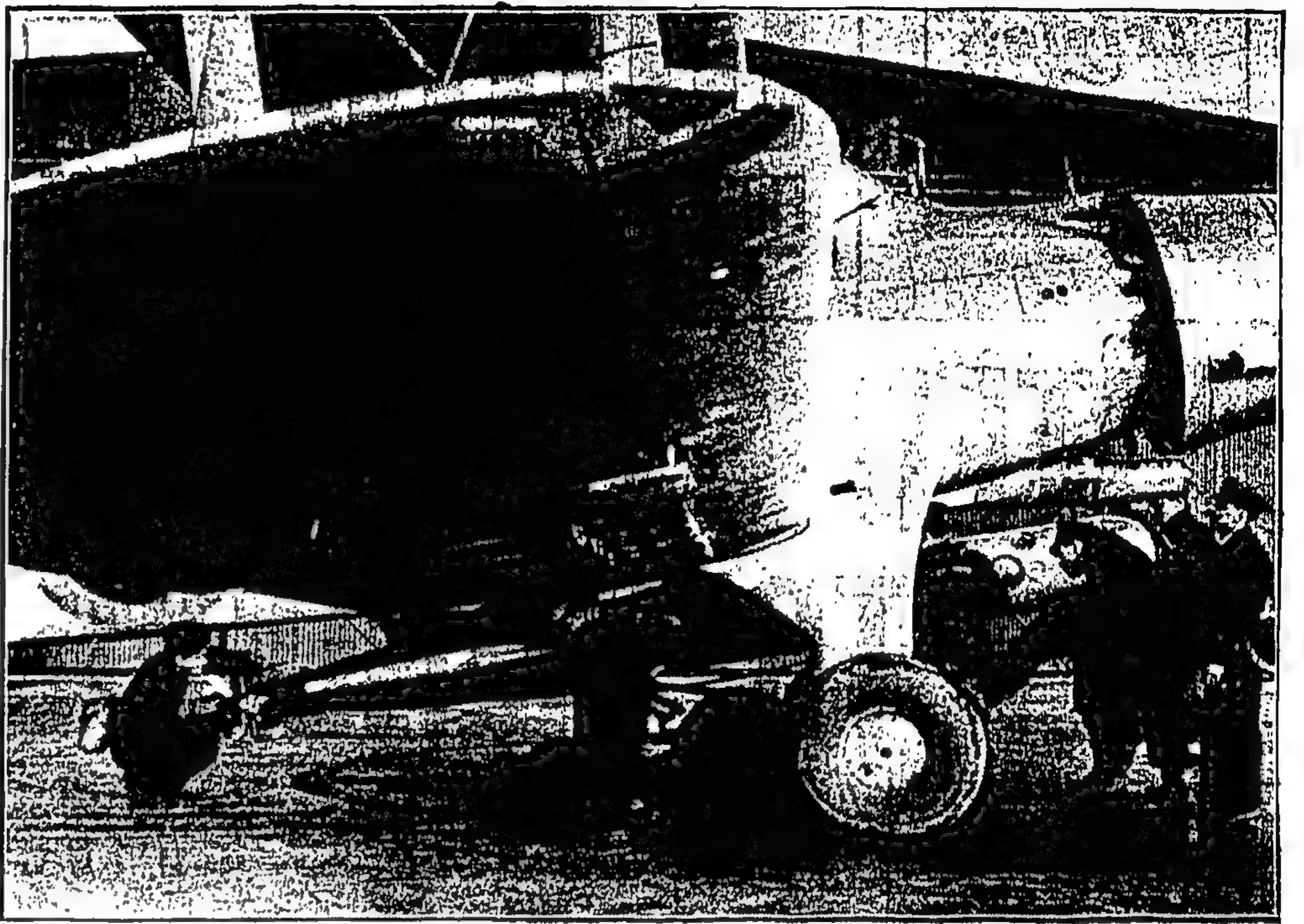
The officer was unable to identify the boats.

The same night the wireless operator of the "Pirangy" deciphered an SOS from the German freighter "Lech" addressed to Bahia radio station.

It is recalled that reports circulating a fortnight ago asserted that the "Lech" had been intercepted by a British auxiliary off Bahia and scuttled herself. These reports were not substantiated.—Reuter.

### CARRYING ON

The Indian population of Eritrea have not suffered casualties on account of the war, according to an Indian businessman just returned to Karachi, says Reuter.



Loading a torpedo on to an "Albacore," the Navy's latest torpedo-carrying aircraft. This pilot is watching the torpedo being loaded before taking off for a dummy attack on a target ship.

## RASCHID ENVOY TALKS WITH IBN SAUD

Raschid Ali's Finance Minister has already had two interviews with King Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia and has extended his stay in Saudi Arabia by 48 hours, according to a Baghdad message to Vichy yesterday quoted by Reuter.

## Pilot Officer's Pluck

Splendid pluck and endurance were shown by a young pilot officer engaged in an attack on the aerodrome of Gazala, Libya.

Diving very low with a total disregard for heavy ground fire, he sprayed two large enemy aircraft on the ground until they were destroyed.

He then swooped on to a concentration of mechanised transport, braving a hail of machine-gun bullets.

He received wounds in the head and shoulders and was losing blood rapidly when he turned the aircraft towards the Egyptian frontier, 250 miles away.

Lacking sufficient strength to reach his squadron's base he made a successful landing within the British lines, where he fainted as he was helped from the cockpit.—British Wireless.

## SEEKING HARMONY IN DACCA

During his visit, the Home Minister of the Government of Bengal invited suggestions from members of the Central Peace Committee and other prominent people for the restoration of communal harmony in Dacca.—Reuter.

## HIGH CONFIDENCE OF EMPIRE TROOPS IN MIDDLE EAST

"VISITING THE NEW ZEALAND, Australian and British troops, I found them all convinced they can face and smash anything the Totalitarian troops can bring against them," Mr. Peter Fraser, Prime Minister of New Zealand, declared at a Press interview in Cairo yesterday.

Questioned about the Pacific, Mr. Fraser said that New Zealand wanted peace but was prepared to stand up against aggression there, as in the Middle East or Britain, and for that purpose would, if necessary, use all her manpower and resources.

"We must hope for the best but prepare for the worst," he said, emphasising that the Japanese have shown no personal animosity against the Australians and the New Zealanders.

Discussing the events in Greece, Mr. Fraser said that no matter has been more thoroughly discussed with the Dominions than the expedition in Greece.

He added: "I feel the right thing was done."

"To have deserted Greece, it would have been like deserting a friend."

"No military advance would be compensated for the disgrace in leaving the comrades without some effort to help them."

### Perfect Unity

Mr. Fraser said that General Freyberg, V.C., commanding the New Zealanders, told him he had never thought that they would succeed during the retreat crossing the Corinth Canal.

They had a most difficult task in covering the retreating British Imperial Forces and showed throughout perfect unity and initiative.—Reuter.

## MR. MENZIES IN HONOLULU

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") The Australian Prime Minister, Mr. R. G. Menzies, prepared to leave Honolulu yesterday on his return trip to Australia.

Mr. Menzies said that British resistance was significant and inspiring.

Referring to President Roosevelt who he saw in the United States, Mr. Menzies said President Roosevelt impressed him as a most vigorous man.—International News Service.

## AUSTRALIA AND EMPIRE AIR SCHEME

THE COMMONWEALTH AIR MINISTER, MR. McEWEN, DECLARED IN MELBOURNE YESTERDAY THAT AUSTRALIA IS ENTIRELY ABREAST OF THE EXTRA COMMITMENTS UNDER THE EMPIRE AIR SCHEME AND WAS REMEDYING ANY LAG IN PERSONNEL QUICKLY.

He recalled it had been officially announced a few days ago that many Australian Air Force squadrons were being formed for service in theatres of war overseas.—Reuter.

## CHINESE MINISTER OF FOOD

The appointment of Mr. Hsu Kan, Vice-Minister of Finance, as first Chinese Minister of Food, will be announced at the meeting of the Executive Yuan to-day, it is learned in authoritative quarters in Chungking.

Mr. Tsou Lin, Finance Commissioner of Kwangtung, will be appointed Vice-Minister of Finance.—Reuter.

## LUNCHEON TO THAI'S MINISTER

In honour of the Thai Minister in London a luncheon was given yesterday by Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs.

The guests included Lord Cranborne, Lady Ravensdale, Sir Sydney Muspratt, Mr. and Mrs. Ashley Clarke and Mr. Henry Channon.—Reuter.



# Duke Of Aosta Surrendering Personally At Noon To-Day

## Clean-Up At Other Sectors Now Beginning

THE DUKE OF AOSTA himself will surrender at noon to-day with his staff officers, it was announced in London yesterday in connection with the Viceroy of Abyssinia's handing over of Amba Alagi to the British Imperial forces.

Units of the Sudan Defence Force have occupied an important sector in the Gondar area and in south Abyssinia have captured an important road junction. Eight hundred prisoners were taken including colonels and staff officers.

It is too early yet to say whether the Duke of Aosta's surrender will lead to the end of the Abyssinian campaign, it was stated in military circles in Cairo last night.

It was pointed out that there are approximately two Italian divisions concentrated at Jimma and the same number at Gondar, and with the help of the rains these may hold out until the end of the rains.

On the other hand, when they receive the news of the Duke of Aosta's surrender, they may decide to throw in their hands.

However, military circles stated that in a few days they would be better able to gauge the effect of the capture of Amba Alagi, in which South Africans, Indians, Sudan Defence Force, Patriots and British troops participated.

Importance of the capture of the important road junction of Dalle was stressed.

### Escape Cut Off

Only reasonable chance for the two Italian divisions concentrated in Jimma and the lake district to escape has thereby been cut off, unless they take to the bush.

However, the Italians now have a particular aversion to the bush owing to the terror of the Patriots, who are now lurking there.

Nevertheless, this district is nearly the size of England and it may make some time to crush enemy resistance unless they follow the Viceroy's example and throw up the sponge.

Dealing with the German ally from Fort Capuzzo, military circles said that the R.A.F. gave them a taste of their own medicine with a large dose of dive-bombing.

A German attempt with two columns to force Hell Fire Pass was unsuccessful and the Germans again recuperate their losses in the now much trampled Sollum area.—Reuter.

### Cairo Communique

The Duke of Aosta's surrender is the "most important item in yesterday's G.H.Q. Cairo communique, which describes widespread and successful operations.

The communique states: "Libya—no change in the situation at Tobruk.

In the area south of Sollum two enemy columns supported by numerous tanks crossed the frontier but withdrew after being engaged by forward elements of our mechanised forces.

Abyssinia—after allowing the Italian forces at Amba Alagi one full day in which to collect their wounded, the formal surrender of the whole of the forces in the area is taking place to-day.

It is estimated that prisoners will number 7,000 together with considerable quantities of guns and material.

### Last To Leave

It has further been arranged, in compliance with his urgent re-

quest that he should be the last to leave, that the Duke of Aosta, accompanied by Gen. Trezzani and all the Duke's personal staff of officers, will surrender at 12 noon to-morrow, May 20.

Units of the Sudan Defence Force, assisted by Patriots, have captured an important position in the Gondar sector inflicting serious damage on the enemy. Operations are proceeding satisfactorily.

In the southern areas our troops captured Dalle, important road junction 35 miles south of Selassiemanna, on May 16.

As a result of this successful operation we captured 800 prisoners, including two colonels, a number of staff officers, two guns and two armoured cars. In other sectors our general advance is continuing in spite of heavy rain.

Haq no change to report in the situation at Basra and Habaniyah.

### Italian Version

Faly now officially admits the surrender of Amba Alagi, stronghold of Abyssinia.

An Italian High Command communique states: "The enemy, in recognition of the Italian troops distinguishing themselves in Amba Alagi, rendered military honours.

"Officers were allowed to keep their revolvers and the British Commander gave orders that when leaving our garrison should march past the British units who will render due military honours."

Military circles in London, while not in a position to confirm this Italian statement, point out that it would be in accordance with British military traditions. British Wireless.

## Vichy Pleased

The Franco-German negotiations continue to make "satisfactory progress," it was officially announced in Vichy according to the German news agency last night.

Permission to enter the occupied northern and western areas is to be granted to officials and leaders of industrial and agricultural concerns provided their presence is essential for administrative and economic purposes.

A scheme for the repatriation of certain categories of prisoners of war is at present under consideration.—Reuter.

### SHANGHAI TRAGEDY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A trolley-bus burst into flames in Shanghai yesterday and as a result four passengers died and over 10 were admitted to hospital with severe burns.—Our Own Correspondent.

## Duke Of Aosta's Message

The Duke of Aosta and Mussolini exchanged messages before the surrender of Amba Alagi.

The Duke of Aosta, after seeing surrender was no longer avoidable, said, according to Rome radio: "I am comforted in this tragic and sad moment with the certainty of having done all that was humanly possible.

"But the war is not finished. Soon we shall return to these lands once more, drenched with Italian blood for the glory of our country."

The Duke replied: "You and your soldiers have fought heroically. The Italian people have followed your stand with admiration and share your certainty for the future."—Reuter.

## TRIBUTE BY GEN. SMUTS

General Jan Smuts, South African Premier, has sent a message to General Cunningham, who commands the Imperial forces in East Africa.

The message runs: "I send you our warm congratulations on the crowning victory of Amba Alagi which is a just reward for your brilliant leadership and the high quality of your brave officers and men."

"The whole Abyssinian campaign will take a high place in the annals of warfare and will add an illustrious chapter to African and South African history."—Reuter.

## ATLANTIC PIONEER'S COMMAND

SIR ARTHUR WHITTEN BROWN WHO, WITH THE LATE SIR JOHN ALCOCK, MADE THE FIRST ATLANTIC FLIGHT IN 1919, HAS BEEN APPOINTED LIEUTENANT-COLONEL IN THE HOME GUARD WITH COMMAND OF A BATTALION.

Sir Arthur Brown was a lieutenant in the R.A.F. in the last war and is now an active flying officer in the training branch.

Another battalion commander appearing in the same list is Major-General George Ratkes, formerly of the Royal Marines, who served in the South African and World Wars.—Reuter.

### U.S. VOLUNTEER AIRMEN STORY

Brigadier-General Claggett, Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. Air Force in the Philippines, who is at present in Chungking, yesterday denied any knowledge that American volunteers were coming to China to join the air force.—Reuter.



An asbestos incendiary bomb snuffer with a face guard and gloves of the same substance, takes the place of the sandbag at the base of a lamp-post in a London street. The snuffer is just dropped on the bomb while the face guard and gloves protect the fire-watcher. (Copyright, Fox).

### INDIAN AIR FORCE MECHANICS

### STRIKE ENDED

Thirteen hundred mechanics of the total of 2,000 required by the Government of India for the Indian Air Force will be in training by the end of May.—Reuter.

As a result of a tentative agreement on wages and hours between coalowners and anthracite miners, the miners have been granted a wage increase and the strike has ended, says Reuter from New York.

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# IL DUCE'S COMIC OPERA KING-MAKING

THE COMIC OPERA king-making proceedings in Rome receive a fair share of attention in the British press but leading articles put the matter in a perspective which is a summation of the circumstances leading to Viceroy, the Duke of Aosta's decision to give up the sponge in what was once Mussolini's East African Empire.

The "Daily Telegraph" recalls it is but a few weeks since General Cunningham crossed the southern frontier of Abyssinia from Italian Somaliland, since when he has travelled 1,500 miles and has frequently met fierce resistance in strong natural positions.

"Mussolini has no excuse for the poor defence he has put up in his vaunted African Empire," the paper continues.

"He had many months of non-belligerency in which to reinforce at leisure whereas Britain had to improvise in haste under the heavy handicap of a series of converging expeditions, which have now achieved such a brilliant result."

"The moral effect of these victories throughout the Middle East must be considerable."

## New Commitments

UNITED STATES OPINION. IT ADDS, HAS AT ONCE SEIZED UPON THE IMPLICATION OF THE NEW FRANCO-GERMAN PACT.

"The Times" declares the Duke of Aosta's welcome decision to sue for terms enables Britain to undertake new commitments in other theatres of war, the first of which is Iraq, where, thanks to Raschid Ali's machinations and the simultaneous treachery of the Vichy Government, Germany is practising her favourite strategy of infiltration.

"The Times" adds that though Abyssinia, Libya, Syria and Iraq are for the moment Britain's sole responsibility, other regions such as Morocco and Senegal, where Vichy's subservience to the Germans may bring new perils, do not concern Britain alone, since an attempt to dominate the South Atlantic through them would amount to a threat to the Americas.

"THE DEFEAT OF THE ITALIANS AND HITLER'S INABILITY TO RETRIEVE IT MARK THE FIRST SERIOUS BREACH IN THE SPELL OF AXIS INVINCIBILITY IN THE FIELD."

The danger will come from Dakar, not Martinique, which would at once become a factor in the situation if Dakar were to pass wholly into German hands. — Reuter.

## ALLEGED WARNING TO INDO-CHINA

THE TOKYO NEWSPAPER "YOMIURI" TO-DAY GIVES PROMINENCE TO A JAPANESE DESPATCH FROM HANOI OF AN ALLEGED UNITED STATES WARNING TO THE INDO-CHINA GOVERNMENT THAT IN THE EVENTUALITY OF INDO-CHINA MOVING CLOSER TO THE AXIS POWERS THE UNITED STATES WILL TAKE RETALIATORY MEASURES.

The warning, the newspaper adds, comes just at the time when the Vichy Government has agreed to closer collaboration with Germany.

The Indo-China Government, it is reported by the newspaper is shortly replying to the United States. — Reuter.

## MANHOLE COVER STOLEN

Six months' hard labour was imposed by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson this morning on Chan Kau, 38, for the theft of a manhole, valued at \$2, and for a breach of the Deportation Ordinance.

## U.S. LABOUR AGITATION

LABOUR AGITATION IN THE UNITED STATES FOR WAGE INCREASES HAS NOW SPREAD TO THE RAILWAYS.

Representatives of the five big railwaymen's unions, involving 350,000 workers, announced in Chicago yesterday they are seeking a 30 per cent increase in wages and are launching a countrywide campaign.

Notice of demand for an increase will be served on the railways on June 10. — Reuter.

## KARACHI'S CIVIC GUARDS

The Governor of Sind, Sir Hugh Dow, reviewed the civic guards of Karachi, paid tribute to their public spirit and declared the usefulness that could not be doubted when unrest is spreading throughout the world.

Turning to the communal dissension in India, the Governor discerned in the Civic Guards a means of promoting the great fellowship between various communities. — Reuter.

## OFFER TO BUY FRENCH PROPERTY

According to press reports from Washington the Republican Congressman, Frances Case, has introduced a Bill in the House of Representatives by which the Secretary of State will be authorised to negotiate for the acquisition of French possessions in the western hemisphere and such ships, aeroplanes and cargoes as France wishes to sell. Cost will be paid from the \$2,000,000,000 Stabilisation Fund. — Reuter.

## LORD GORT VISITS ALGECIRAS

Lord Gort, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Gibraltar, paid an official visit to the Spanish military Governor of Algeciras yesterday morning.

Lord Gort made the journey by sea. It is understood that the visit was cordial and that the Spanish Governor is expected to return the call on May 28. — Reuter.

## GERMANS TAKE A PEEK AT CYPRUS

An enemy reconnaissance aeroplane appeared over Cyprus yesterday afternoon and remained for 50 minutes, according to an official announcement in Nicosia. No bombs were dropped. — Reuter.

## MILITARY POWER IN MALAYA

THE CHINESE MILITARY MISSION WHICH HAS BEEN VISITING MALAYA LEFT FOR CHUNGKING YESTERDAY "FORTIFIED WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE IMMENSE STRENGTH AND MILITARY PREPAREDNESS OF MALAYA." AS A MEMBER OF THE MISSION DECLARED IN A FAREWELL BROADCAST.

The tour lasted two weeks during which the mission visited many centres of military importance which, added the spokesman, enabled them to understand the real strength of Malaya.

"We are happy in the knowledge that we have got a strong friend here in this part of the world," he concluded. — Reuter.

## AUSTRALIA LOAN SUCCESS

FOLLOWING A LAST-MINUTE RUSH, AUSTRALIA'S £35,000,000 WAR LOAN CLOSED YESTERDAY, HAVING BEEN OVER-SUBSCRIBED, THE ACTING PRIME MINISTER ESTIMATES, BY £750,000.

The result is considered extremely gratifying, particularly the fact that the number of subscribers was more than double that of the last loan. — Reuter.

## SIKORSKI BACK IN ENGLAND

General Sikorski, the Polish Prime Minister, has returned to London.

He flew across the Atlantic in an American bomber, piloted by a British crew, and arrived in Scotland last week.

He will report to Mr. Churchill on his visit to Canada and the United States where he conferred with President Roosevelt. — Reuter.

## CAROL LEAVING FOR VIRGIN ISLANDS

Ex-King Carol of Rumania and Madame Lucescu were scheduled to leave Bermuda yesterday for St. Thomas, in the Virgin Islands, says Reuter.

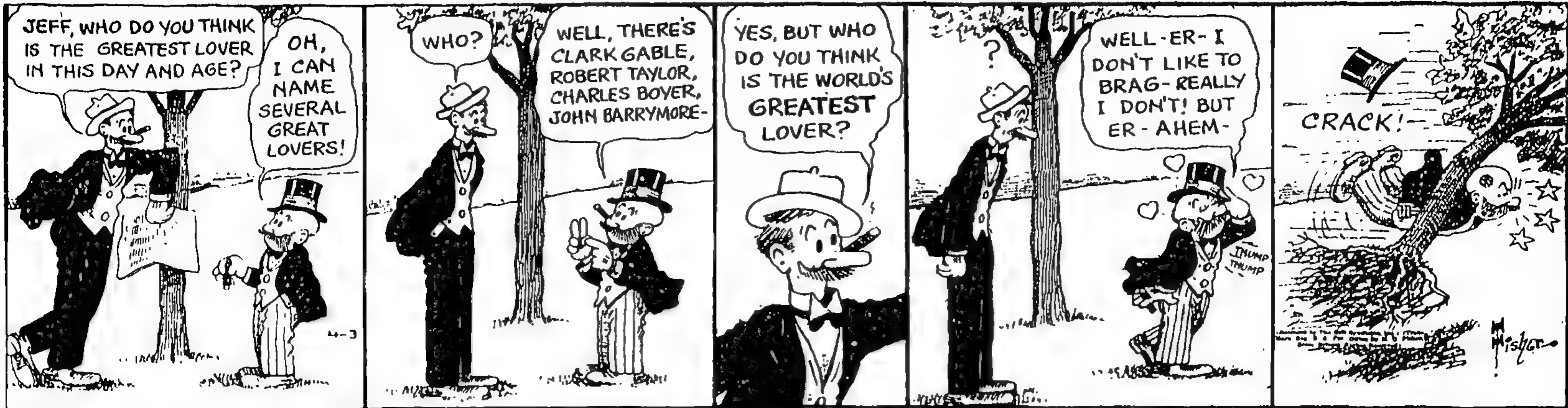
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BANK OF ENGLAND NOTES WARNING

The Financial Secretary has issued the following statement:— Travellers are advised that the export of Bank of England notes from Hong Kong is prohibited, and the import of such notes from Hong Kong into the sterling area is similarly prohibited by the sterling area controls.

WEDDINGS AT THE REGISTRY

The following couples were today married at the Supreme Court Registry:  
Mr. Arthur Hall, master mariner, and Miss He'en Yuen, of No 3 Ping Street.  
Mr. Jung Kee Tung, merchant, and Miss Cheng Choi Ping, of No 50 Lockhart Road.  
Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, Registrar of Marriages, officiated.

RADIO TRANSMITTER CASE: HEAVY FINES IMPOSED

THREE CHINESE were heavily fined by Mr. G. T. Lowry at the Central Magistracy this morning, for a breach of the Defence Regulation, and with possession of radio transmitting sets, at No. 98, Robinson Road, top floor, on April 28.

The first accused, Sum Hing-chung, 32, described as a reporter of the "Kwok Ming Tong," was charged with unlawful possession of wireless transmitters, with maintaining a private radio station, with working in a private radio station, and with possession of secret codes.

Second accused Luk Kam-wah, 23, described as master of the Tai Chung Stationery shop, was charged with maintaining and working a private radio station, and with possession of private codes.

Third accused Luk Kam-fu, 18, student, was charged with unlawful possession of secret codes. Mr. D. W. Waterton of the General Post Office, was for the prosecution while Mr. P. H. Sin was for the defence.

According to the prosecution, the premises of No. 98, Robinson Road, top floor, were raided on warrant at about 10.30 a.m. on April 28.

Two large radio transmitters in

working condition were found in the rear cubicle and on the verandah. A large quantity of secret codes were found. First accused admitted that he was the principal tenant of the house. Two portable transmitters, which were not completed, were also found in the house.

Chinese Government

Mr. Peter H. Sin, who pleaded guilty to all charges on behalf of the accused, said that no doubt his clients belonged to a certain organisation of the Chinese Government, but they had done nothing to endanger the safety of this Colony. As regards third accused, he was only visiting the premises, and accidentally had one of the codes in his possession.

First and second defendants were each fined \$2,000 or six months' hard labour, while third accused was fined \$1,000 or three months' hard labour.

All radio apparatus found were ordered to be confiscated.

LONDON'S WAR SAVING DRIVE

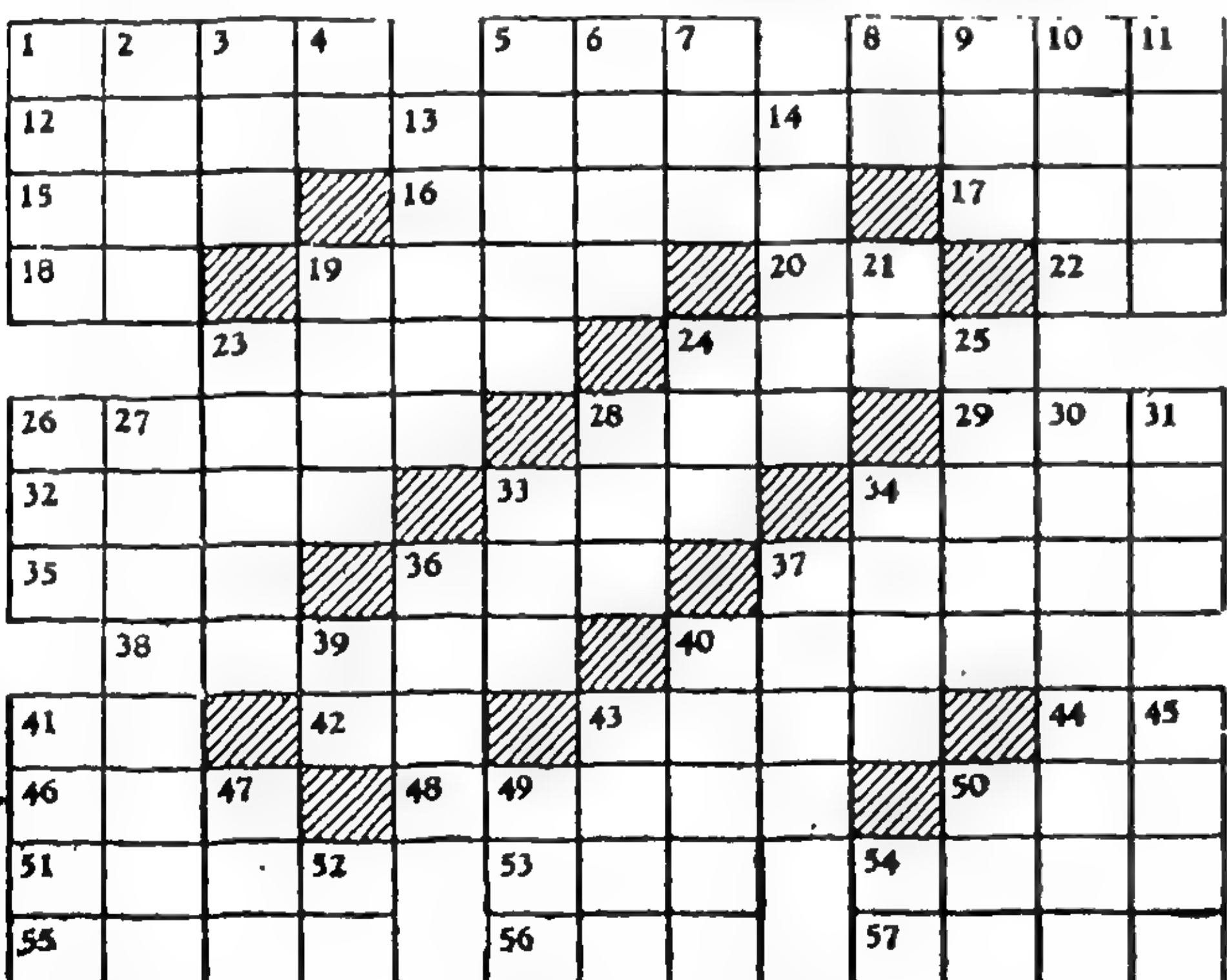
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The Munich Agreement signed by Mr. Chamberlain and the dictators is on show at Hammersmith Town Hall, with the treaty by which Germany guaranteed Belgium's neutrality before the last war. — British Wireless.

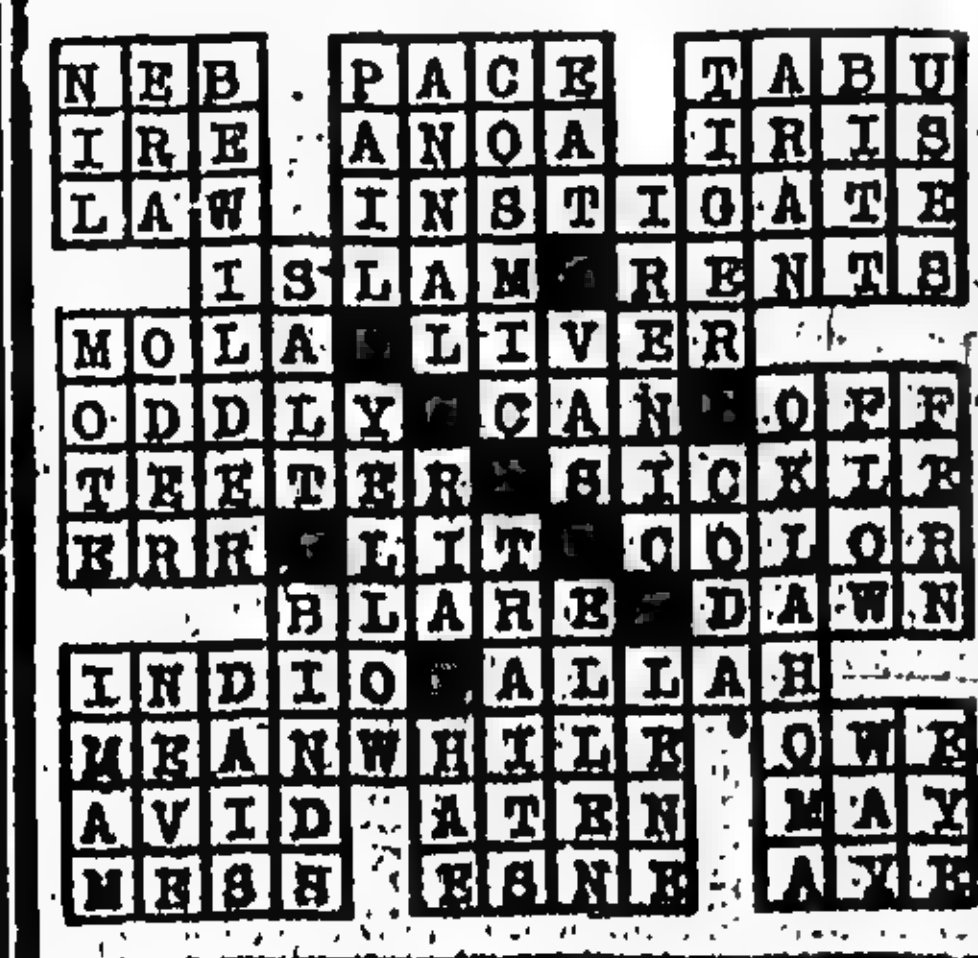
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- HORIZONTAL
- Hard-drawn
  - Literary scraps
  - War god
  - Student of birds
  - Inlet
  - Part of a fortress
  - Cry of sheep
  - Symbol for sodium
  - Prejudice
  - Preposition
  - City in Chaldea
  - Four inches
  - High shoe
  - Level
  - Large oak
  - Rodent
  - Erin
  - Drunkard
  - Low
  - Man's nickname
  - Play on words
  - To cleave
  - Prussian seaport
  - Plant of the arum family
  - Teutonic deity
  - Conjunction
  - Roman deity

- VERTICAL
- Extremely
  - Boy
  - To accustom
  - Edible mollusk
  - On top of
  - To grow old
  - Egyptian deity
  - Roman emperor
  - Worm
  - Temple
  - Ripped
  - Solo
  - Spenserian character
  - Note of scale
  - In front
  - Bows
  - Wing
  - Symbol for silver
  - Curved support
  - Son of Isaac
  - Heavenly body
  - Group of three
  - Vegetable
  - Scourge
  - Negative
  - Seraglio
  - However
  - To drag
  - Edible seed
  - To free
  - Weight
  - Murderer
  - Mound
  - Heavenly body
  - Package of bulky goods
  - Persian elf
  - To rage
  - To act
  - Innermost parts
  - Ardor
  - Containers
  - River in France
  - Beetle
  - Scotch for "no"
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  - Italian river
  - Whether

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# ATLANTIC HOT SPOT AWAITS SEA PATROL

AFTER CAREFUL STUDY of President Roosevelt's plan for a far-flung air and sea patrol wherever necessary, the British view suggests that United States fighting ships and planes soon will be operating in the North Atlantic spot where there is the highest mortality among merchant ships from submarines and raiders.

This area is identified as occupying a large circle roughly blocked in by a square formed by 16 to 30 degrees longitude and 45 to 60 degrees latitude. It begins just outside the line roughly 400 miles westward from the Irish Coast and touches most of the usual sea lanes between the United States, Canada and the British Isles.

It is this area which is just far enough removed from the United Kingdom to make bombing patrols difficult and ineffective, and it is there that German submarines have been taking their heaviest toll.

The President's determination to use the fleet plus the air arm to protect American interests seems to necessitate American operations in these waters because they are adjacent to the most convenient route which the Germans could use in getting men and materials to Greenland.

## Alarms Feasible Against Raiders

Although hailed by Winston Churchill the other night as providing much-needed help, it is still found difficult in London to grasp the full working details of the plans unless it is proposed that Americans will broadcast alarms when they see raiders or submarines, while the British send out bombers to make air attacks. In the case of the submarine, such a plan offers obvious obstacles. Once spotted, surface raiders would have, on the other hand, small chance of escaping a bombing patrol.

Naturally, the hope is held that this plan will reduce ship losses, but there is no optimism among shipping authorities. Figures unofficially compiled, but taking in all considerations, suggest that unless more ships are produced and fewer lost Britain will reach a critical stage in the battle of the Atlantic in the Spring months of 1942, at which point a curtailment of the war effort may be inescapable.

In counting all factors, it is said that "the effective tonnage" of British shipping available for the North Atlantic service to-day is about 5,000,000. Actually there is a total of 15,000,000 tons in service. But materials such as timber, iron ore and other warstuffs, which in the World War it was possible to bring on from the Scandinavian countries is now brought from Canada, so it takes two or three times longer and the effective tonnage is reduced by that factor.

The same thing is true of foodstuffs, formerly brought from Holland, Denmark and near-by countries, but which now come from Australia and New Zealand.

In addition, there are the increased lines of the empire. Supplies go around the southern tip of Africa instead of through the Mediterranean to the Near East and North Africa and thus there is an additional loss of effective tonnage. More than that, losses in time due to the slowness of convoys have figured in reducing the effective tonnage by from 20 to 30 per cent, while harbour delays due to unloading and turning around figure in the lowering of total effectiveness by 23 per cent. It is said that in this way 15,000,000 tons of ships are really equivalent to 5,000,000.

## Food Shortage Possibility

Between four and five million tons are needed to keep the island fed and the war industries turning at top speed. Already the lack of shipping is reducing food supplies. Cattle, important for the milk and beef supplies grown at home, are being systematically slaughtered because it is impossible to bring in the necessary feedstuffs to keep them.

Clothing rations are held not impossible in the future in order

to reduce the volume of wool brought from the colonies and the Dominions. Egypt is being persuaded to reduce its cotton crop.

With all such items cut to the bone and shipping space now taken by them given over to materials of war, a curtailment of the war effort is foreseen within only twelve months or less.

German sinkings are running at about 5,000,000 tons annually. The government's ship loss figures for March were 550,000 tons, covering five weeks.

Offsetting losses to some degree is the British building schedule for this year, which is expected to produce 1,500,000 tons to which 1,000,000 tons from the United States will be added. Although American plans talked of in London suggest that the United States will be providing 3,000,000 new tonnage in 1942 there is some skepticism.

Losses thus run far too much higher than current or potential replacements, and while these are very important the prime necessity is to cut down sinkings. It is hoped that the American patrol will help in that direction, but the only effective help will mean direct American interference in German war activities, with whatever consequences may follow.

## BRITISH CREDIT TO CHINA

A new Sino-British export credit agreement for £5,000,000 will shortly be signed in London, it is learned from well-informed circles.

Negotiations which have been carried on for some time between the Chinese Government represented by Mr. P. W. Kuo, Vice-Minister of Finance, and the British Government have been concluded satisfactorily.

The new credit is good not only for purchases of materials in the Sterling area but also for covering the cost of services connected with the purchases, together with other services necessary for national purposes in China.

The terms and conditions of the agreement are said to be more favourable than those of the previous credit.

For the purpose of the new agreement, a committee will be formed. It will consist of three Chinese and three British members whose appointment will be agreed by the two governments concerned. — Central News.

## UGANDA FIGHTER SQUADRON

Uganda has now raised a total of £100,000 for the purchase of fighter aircraft and the squadron will be named after the Protectorate.

The final figure was reached with gifts of £5,700 from the local committee and £10,000 from Uganda. — British Wireless.

## LONDON UNDISTURBED BY UNIFORM

Unchallenged, a man wearing a Germany Army officer's uniform and trappings strolled London streets for hours, looked over busy Scotland Yard and peered through Buckingham Palace's fences.

His was merely another uniform to Londoners accustomed to the varied garb of British, Dominion, Colonial, Dutch, Czech, Norwegian, Free French, and other Allied forces.

The "German officer" was Mr. Donald Collins, film actor employed by the "Daily Sketch" to point up its editorial campaign urging closer surveillance of aliens.

—Associated Press.

## CHINA'S STABILISATION COMMITTEE

The Committee of the Chinese Currency Stabilisation Fund, which comprises three Chinese members, a Briton and an American, will shortly be established with headquarters in Chungking, according to the "China Times," which is generally regarded as being close to Chinese financial circles.

The Chinese members of the Committee are Mr. Chen Kwang-lu, Chairman of the Foreign Trade Commission, Mr. Pei Sung-sun, of the Bank of China and Mr. Hsi Teh-mou, of the Central Bank of China.

The British member is Mr. Cyril Rogers and the American, Mr. Fox. — Reuter.

## THE LUCES LEAVING

MR. HENRY LUCE, PUBLISHER OF "LIFE" AND "TIME," AND MRS. LUCE, WILL PROBABLY LEAVE CHUNGKING TO-MORROW OR THURSDAY FOR THE UNITED STATES VIA RANGOON AND SINGAPORE.

They are making arrangements with the British authorities for aeroplane passage from Singapore to Manila. If this fails to materialise they will fly from Chungking to Hong Kong and take the Clipper to Manila. — Reuter.

## WOUNDED MAN IN HOSPITAL

Suffering from a bullet wound in the left hip, Kan Kwán, 32, junk foh, was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital yesterday afternoon.

He alleged that was shot by a Japanese soldier two days ago near Hau Hol, in Chinese waters.



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## AIR POWER

The theory of "continental isolation," to which the Lindberghs still cling, receives another jolt in the news that Douglas Aircraft Company has completed the first of its B-19 bombers. Here is the most formidable agency of destruction yet developed—a great fortress built to fly 7,750 miles nonstop with a cargo of eighteen tons of bombs. It is visible proof that the day is rapidly approaching when no nation and no part of any nation will be immune from direct attack from any part of the world.

The whole question of the impact of modern air power on the traditional conception of continental defence is analysed in an important article by Major Alexander P. de Seversky in the new issue of "The American Mercury." Comparisons are vivid, but sometimes necessary. It must be noted that Major de Seversky speaks with more authority in these matters than Colonel Lindbergh, since he is not only a pilot but a designer of aircraft, not only an inventor of new flights and a holder of army pilot's plane, but a recognized authority on the tactics and strategy of aerial warfare.

It is Major de Seversky's central thesis and the new B-19 bomber come along to illustrate his point that "isolationism" is ruled out physically by the advent of air power and the tremendous speed with which its range is being widened. To show that a European enemy of the United States could not land armies and occupy the country, he argues that ultimate victory could not be achieved by that alone (though I believe it could), the fact still remains that this is a type of destructive fury to which no nation will wish to expose itself.

Moreover, by a curious truth which is not yet widely understood, the more industrialised a country is, the more vulnerable it is to destruction from overhead. "American industries, grouped in thick-sown concentrations dependent on centralised sources of power, make ideal targets for air attacks. The tremendous expanse of our country may give us a feeling of hugeness, but the vital centres are few and extremely exposed." There is no real security for those centres in old-fashioned "isolation" behind "impenetrable" ramparts. Air power is "a threat in which oceans have already lost some of their protective value and are destined to become soon as illusory a defence as the Maginot Line" itself.

Major de Seversky does not share Colonel Lindbergh's belief that Britain cannot win this war, even with American assistance. He believes, on the contrary, not merely that Britain has a chance of winning, but that, given the full material backing of the United States, she has only a minor chance of not winning. "In the race to achieve the vital factor of definitive air superiority, Germany, even with all her continental appendages, 'will be more and more plagued by shortages of critical materials,' and more and more handicapped by increasingly undernourished labour working sullenly under coercion, while 'the Anglo-American bloc, its production centres widely scattered over the world, will have access to all materials; it will operate in many regions under relatively peaceful conditions, with labour that is voluntary and well-fed.' In this tug-of-war of production, 'equality in air power for the Anglo-American bloc is already within sight, and rapid establishment of supremacy seems in the cards.'"

Once we admit the possibility of superior Anglo-American air power, we must also admit the likelihood that the European target may be hammered into submission.

Here is one answer to the question, How will the war be won? and fresh courage for faint hearts.



THE LAST BETRAYAL

## Mr. Menzies On A World Mission

War adds to the responsibility of leading a nation, a weight likely to be crushing on all except men endowed with mental resistance to an uncommon degree. Possession of this quality enables Australia's Prime Minister, Mr. Robert Gordon Menzies, to give most of his waking moments to wartime problems without seeming overwrought or losing the easy poise for which he is pre-eminent among his country's politicians.

Without this, his earnestness, his purpose, and powers of concentration and analysis developed by a lawyer's career, might not be half so effective. A waterproof mind, I call it, because he can immerse it in a sea of difficulties without its becoming saturated by them. After hours of intense Cabinet discussion, Mr. Menzies can saunter into the corridor and parry newspapermen's varied inquiries masterfully, comfortably, wittily, as if he enjoys it all.

Clever in debate, he is difficult to corner, and often eludes an awkward question by replying with another question, technically designed to short circuit his interrogator.

A tall man, handsome despite increasing fleshiness, Mr. Menzies has a commanding presence. His knack of marshaling everyday words into ringing sentences makes him an eloquent speaker. On the platform, he shies at cameras, because he dislikes being photographed with his mouth open. Over the radio, his unhurried, conversational diction and rich, resonant voice deeply impress listeners.

There is something Olympian in the way Mr. Menzies looks on his countrymen. He is rather impatient with minds less nimble than his own, yet in his first radio talk as Prime Minister, in April, 1939, he assured the people that he was "a singularly plain Australian, not bred to the purple." When striking coal miners in 1940 boycotted a hall where he intended to address them, he ventured into their mass meeting in a park, and gained a hearing.

Mr. Menzies' poise, probably partly innate, has been built up by the way doors opened to him at his first knock, until, at 44, he became his country's leader—and Madame Tussaud's waxwords, London, found a place for his effigy.

A brilliant student at state schools and at college, he gained the degree, Master of Laws, at Melbourne University. At 25, two years after he became a barrister, he scored a triumph in a High Court case about State and Federal constitutional power. At 34, his skill as a pleader brought him the silk gown of a King's Counsel, and a yearly income re-

puted to be £8,000 (then about \$32,000).

His political progress was equally swift. A few years in Victoria's legislature proved him to be an outstanding politician. When Sir John Latham (now Minister to Japan) became Chief Justice in 1934, vacating the well-to-do Kooyong seat in the Federal Parliament, the conservative United Australia Party nominated Mr. Menzies, and the election was a walkover. The newcomer was raised to Cabinet rank (Attorney-General) before he was even sworn in as a member of the House of Representatives.

After less than five years in the House, he was the obvious choice by the National Union (behind-the-scenes powers who finance the party) to succeed Prime Minister Joseph A. Lyons, who passed

By Raymond Robinson

on five months before German bombs fell in Poland. It seems paradoxical that a man of such intellectual capacity should be on the less-progressive side in Parliament, but history abounds with similar cases, setting a riddle for posterity.

In his two years as Prime Minister, doors have not opened as easily for him as they did earlier. His biggest difficulties have been the coming home to roost of chickens let loose by governments of which he was a leading member for five years before the war.

Australia's people are wholeheartedly loyal to democracy's cause, but about half of them don't like Mr. Menzies' leadership, although he is well liked personally. This opposition has several causes, political, economic, social. He was an out-and-out supporter of Chamberlain appeasement, while the powerful Australian trade unions regarded the Munich agreement as a shattering blow to collective security against aggression. They criticised his statements, after his 1938 visit to Europe, approving German rearmament and expressing his belief that Germany's intentions in western Europe were not aggressive.

Australians had been quickly antagonised by Fascism and Nazism, if for no other reason than the dictator's suppression of trade unionism. "No country is more closely interlaced than Australia with trade union organisation, which embraces almost all classes of wage earners, including bank officials, schoolteachers, and jour-

nalists. After the Japanese invaded China, unionists resented Government use of legal force to compel waterside workers to load scrap iron for Japan.

Those who believed that Australia should have a foreign policy based on its Pacific location thought that the United Australia Party and its coalition partner, the Country Party, were too docile in following London, Manchester, and Birmingham. Hence the 1936 trade-divers on tariffs against American automobiles and Japanese-made clothing. When the Opposition (Labour Party) made a big air force for home defence their main plank in the 1937 election, the conservatives branded the Opposition as isolationist.

The more militant unions look on Mr. Menzies as capitalism's representative, whose wartime policy is shaped too much by the influence of the great Broken Hill Proprietary steel and coal corporation, other big industrialists, and insurance company directors. Nearly all the industrial disputes have been labour's attempts to divert to employees—many working longer shifts—a share of company profits from enormously increased production for war purposes.

The dissatisfactions outlined above explain why Mr. Menzies' coalition government could scramble back from the Federal election last September with only 37 supporters to Labour's 36 in the House. The holder of the seventy-fourth vote, a dissident country member, usually supports Opposition policy. The Government holds 19 Senate seats to Labour's 17. The Opposition, pledged to full support of the war effort, has not tried to upset the Government, but prefers to force it to compromise on some matters.

To keep office, the Menzies Government has had to back down several times, laying itself open to the taunt that it sometimes governs by try-on and error. It has reversed its decisions on automobile manufacturing, control of the Press, taxation of low wages, a ban on criticism of its financial policy, and permission for the Army commander's wife to join him in Egypt while other soldiers' wives are forbidden to go.

Amid all these tribulations, the Prime Minister can now point to a soaring output of war products, dwarfing all expectations in a country where manufacturing had kept in distant step with the great wool- and wheat industries. A rein has been kept on living costs, and the supply of volunteers for the fighting forces is ample. And amid it all, nobody could be more majestically right than Mr. Menzies—or err with greater aplomb.

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## VICHY'S BETRAYAL DISAVOWED BY GEN. DE GAULLE

A COMPLETE DISAVOWAL of "agreements" between the Vichy Government and Germany is contained in a declaration by General de Gaulle to the British Government and the chiefs of Allied Governments in London.

It states that the Vichy "government" has placed itself in a position which deprives itself of all independence with regard to the invader.

The source of the Vichy so-called government lies exclusively in the person of an old man

who for many years had been known to be enfeebled by age.

The declaration continues: "Firstly France cannot and must not be held responsible for acts supposedly committed in her name by rulers who usurped power and subjected themselves to the enemy."

"Secondly the French nation is continuing the war by means of all her military forces and territories outside enemy control, and should therefore be considered a belligerent nation by all states and as an ally by those who fight the common enemies."

— Reuter.

## U.S. AND FRENCH COLONIES

THE U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE, MR. CORDELL HULL, TOLD HIS PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY THAT NO CONSULTATIONS WERE PROCEEDING WITH OTHER AMERICAN REPUBLICS REGARDING THE QUESTION OF OCCUPYING FRENCH POSSESSIONS IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE.

Mr. Hull added that despite

the critical views in Washington regarding Vichy's "collaboration" with Germany, the United States was keeping in mind that Martinique might need foodstuffs and other supplies.—Reuter.

## FORGOT SICK LEAVE, DOWNED THREE NAZIS

An R.A.F. pilot, who had been wounded was about to go on sick leave when a warning came to his squadron. He dropped his suitcase, took off in a Spitfire as mechanics waved, to him and shot down three Nazi planes.

On his return he was told his mechanics had waved to him because the radio in his machine was not serviceable.

## PRETENDED TO BE A POLICEMAN

How a man impersonating a Police officer, threatened to pull down huts in Kowloon Tong, was related before Mr. H. C. Macnamara this morning, when Yim Chi-man, 26, appeared on three charges of impersonating a Police officer.

Tsang Wai-keung, one of the three complainants, testified that accused came to his hut about 3 p.m. on Sunday, and explained to witness that he was a policeman sent from the Shamshulpo Police Station to pull down the hut.

Accused went to another hut and told second complainant, Pang Fung, 28, a woman, a similar story, adding that the problem could be settled on payment of \$5 to the interpreter as "tea money."

Accused visited the third hut and repeated the same story to Chau Royal 35, woman, Yeung Choi, 32, Royal Engineer, husband of second complainant, overheard the conversation, came out and took accused to the Police Station.

Accused, who has a previous conviction, was fined \$50, or a month's hard labour on each charge, the sentences to run consecutively.

Detective Sergeant A. Shaw was in charge of the case.

## TOKYO RADIO CANARD

The British Legation in Bangkok categorically denied the Tokyo Radio broadcast that British arms in Thailand, including British owned tin-mines, have closed down.

The Thai Government officially contradicted another Tokyo Radio assertion that the British authorities in Bangkok have protested to the Thai Government against the report of a Thai-Russian agreement for the exchange of Thai ores and rubber for Russian oil.—Reuter.

## TAXATION DOUBLED

Addressing the London Chamber of Commerce, the Financial Secretary to the Treasury, said that the increase in taxation since the autumn of 1939 involved £788,000,000.

That was more than the annual average of the whole taxation revenue for ten years.—Reuter.

## AMERICAN NAVAL PROGRAMME

The U.S. House of Representatives yesterday passed and transmitted to the Senate a Bill authorising the construction of about 580 naval auxiliaries totalling 550,000 tons at an estimated cost of \$350,000,000.—Reuter.

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# MEN OF HISTORIC REARGUARD LAND IN CYPRUS

IT IS NOW POSSIBLE TO REVEAL THAT A PARTY OF IMPERIAL TROOPS WHO WERE REMNANTS OF THE HISTORIC REARGUARD AT MOUNT OLYMPUS, IN RAGS, SOME OF THEM ILL AND WOUNDED, HAVE REACHED THE SHORES OF CYPRUS AFTER MOST ASTONISHING ESCAPES AMONG THE GREEK AEGEAN ISLANDS.

They tell stories of desperate resistance against impossible odds, when Nazi 'planes, tanks and infantry, in massed assaults, tried to smash their line.

One Anzac said: "The Germans came on like men possessed and determined to be slaughtered. We mowed them down like flies."

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"When eventually the tanks broke their lines, these men began to march to the coast, rations exhausted, without blankets and with most of their equipment discarded. Day and night they trudged on."—Reuter.

## ACID CASE DROPPED

Expecting "sensational" evidence this morning before Mr. G. T. Lowry, a capacity crowd of spectators from all walks of life had expectations shattered when the prosecuting officer announced that the Crown had no evidence to offer.

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The case which attracted a great deal of attention, particularly in Chinese journalistic circles, was one in which a 22-year-old married woman, Tang King-yuk, was alleged to have emptied a bottle of acid into the face of Wei Kwok-lun, Manager and Editor-in-chief of the Hsin Yah News Agency (The New Asia News Agency), when he was walking down Wyndham Street on April 28 last. This morning the Police, who, having requested previously several adjournments, unexpectedly announced that the Crown had no evidence to offer against accused, who was discharged.

It is understood that Mr. Wei is still in Hospital.

## UNMANIFESTED CARGO

Employed by a British ship as a cook, Lam Choi-sang, 32, and two other Chinese, Lai Chor, 24, and Tang Kai, 26, were charged before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson this morning with exporting unmanifested cargo, and with exporting merchandise without a permit.

Revenue Officer Dunnett made a routine search on the ship about 2.30 p.m. yesterday and in Lam's quarters found 26 packages eight of which contained merchandise which could not be exported without a permit. The rest were unmanifested cargo.

Lai and Tang admitted that the cargo was theirs and that they had paid the cook to take it to Shanghai.

Lam had his bail of \$50 estreated when he failed to appear. The other two accused were fined \$30 each.

## SOVIET ORGANISING PARASHOTS

The Soviet Union, which originated the technique of parachute soldiers, has taken a leaf out of Britain's defence book in co-opting civilian defence against this new form of warfare.

The Soviet radio stated yesterday that 13,000 miners were among a large number of citizens who took part in defence exercises in the important industrial centre of Stalino (formerly Hughesorka).

Parachutists unsuccessfully tried to take the mines, radio station and metallurgical station.

Stalino lies in the Don Basin, in the Ukraine just north of the Black Sea, and is the centre of rich coal, iron and manganese ores. It has a population of 300,000.—Reuter.

## MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE: SEQUEL TO FREE MEAL

TWO TEA-SHOP FOKIS, Cheng Chan-leung and Chan Ming, were this morning charged before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, with the manslaughter of an unknown Chinese on April 11 in Kowloon by assaulting him.

Mr. M. J. Abbott, Assistant Crown Counsel, prosecuted assisted by Inspector A. E. Carey. Defendants, who pleaded not guilty, were not defended.

The jury was composed of Messrs. E. Foulard (foreman), Ho Kai-suen, L. M. Xavier, G. Kelley, Yeung Kwok-ching, Li Kwan, Au Key-wai and Hui Sik-shui.

Before the case the Chief Justice congratulated Mr. Abbott on his being called to the Bar.

Mr. M. J. Abbott said deceased went to a tea house at No. 7, Cheong On Street at about 6 a.m. on April 11 and after partaking a meal was unable to pay for it.

He went to the cashier's counter where a conversation took place. From the cashier's counter, deceased was taken or pushed towards the kitchen and subsequently into the backyard. A violent assault took place followed by shouts of "safe life." Witnesses would say that they saw first and second accused deal blows at deceased.

### Tied To Pipe

The man was tied to a drain pipe. An eye-witness was Kong Ping, who, looking out of a window, saw some foks and second accused in the yard. He went to the kitchen and saw a

## BRITISH CIVILIANS EVACUATING

The evacuation of Syria and Lebanon by British, American and Palestine subjects, on the advice of their consuls, is reported in a despatch to the Independent French Agency.

Mining of the road from Beirut to northern Palestine is reported but unconfirmed.—Reuter.

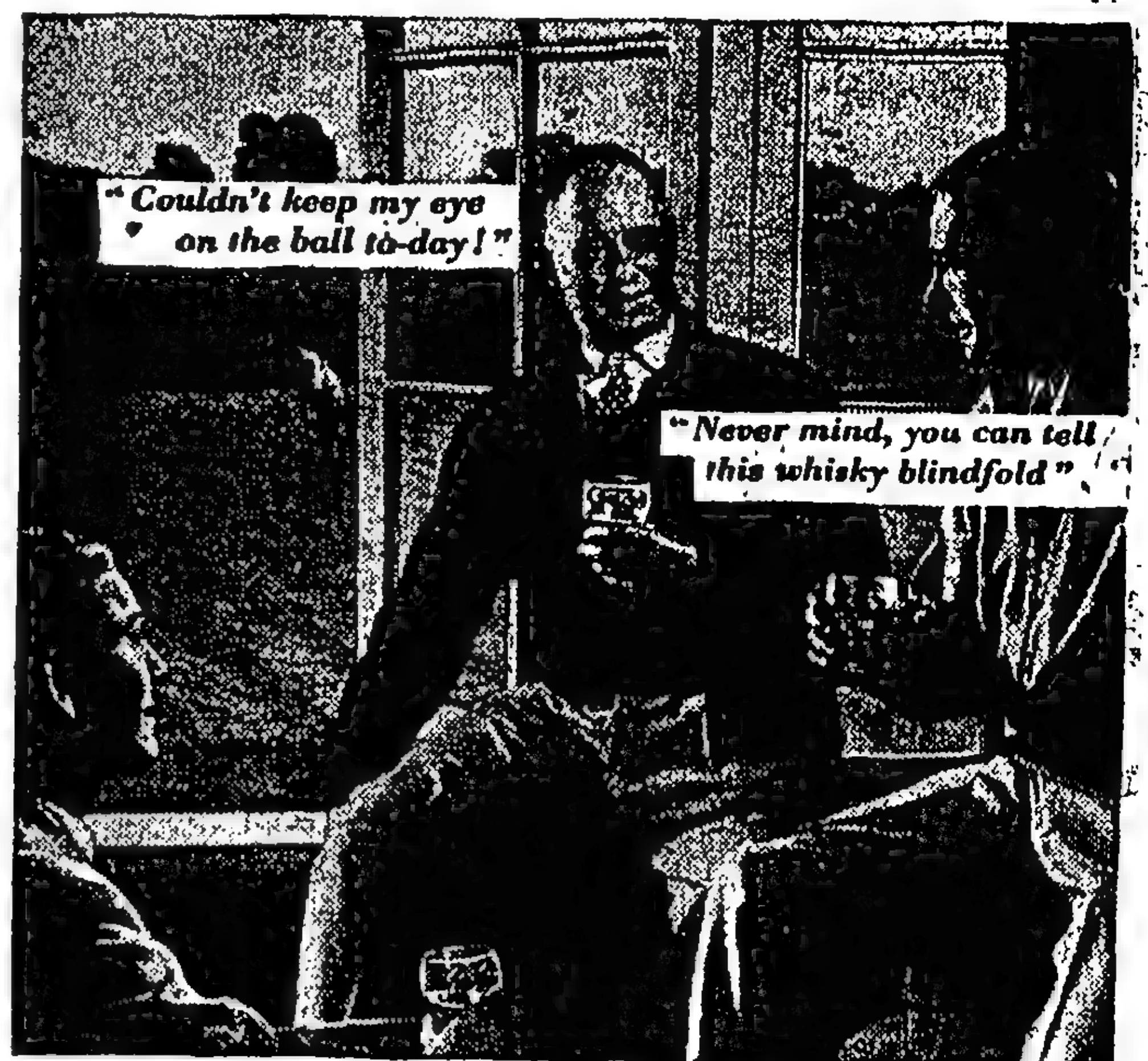
## BILL OF HEALTH

Thirty-two cases of cholera with 14 deaths; 191 of tuberculosis with 134 deaths; 28 of dysentery with 12 deaths; 18 of enteric fever with seven deaths; six of measles with four deaths; six of diphtheria with three deaths; and two each of chicken-pox, small-pox and typhus fever, were notified to the Health Authorities last week.

Yesterday, there were 46 cases of tuberculosis, eight of dysentery, three each of diphtheria and enteric fever, and two each of cholera and measles.

## The Zamzam Disaster

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### NOTICE

The MAY HALF YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of VOTING MEMBERS will be held at the Club House, Happy Valley, on THURSDAY, 20th May, 1941, at 5.30 p.m.

ALL MEMBERS are cordially invited to attend and participate in any discussion which may ensue.

By Order of the Stewards,  
C. B. BROWN,

Secretary

Hong Kong, 20th May, 1941.

## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

DRAFT PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FORMS for the SIXTH EXTRA RACE MEETING to be held (weather permitting) on SATURDAY, 31st May, and MONDAY, 2nd June, 1941, may be obtained from the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on THURSDAY, 22nd May, 1941.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 19th May, 1941.

## THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED

### Notice To Shareholders

The SEVENTY-SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on WEDNESDAY, the 21st May, 1941, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1940.

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# BRIDGE NOTES

## AVOIDING DANGER

### By The Four Aces

In a great number of hands, one opponent can make a dangerous lead while the other cannot. Every effort should then be made, in the play of the hand, to avoid giving the lead to the danger hand. For example:

South, Dealer  
Neither side vulnerable

♠ 6 3  
♥ Q 5 4  
♦ A Q 3  
♣ K 10 9 8 3

♠ A Q 8 7 2  
♥ 6 3 2  
♦ 7 6 4 2  
♣ 6

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♠ 10 9 4  
♥ 10 9 8 7  
♦ K 5  
♣ Q 7 6 4

♠ K J 6  
♥ A K J  
♦ J 10 9 8  
♣ A J 2

The bidding:

South West North East  
1NT Pass 3NT Pass  
Pass Pass

West led the seven of spades. East played the nine, and South won with the Jack.

HIGH CARD VALUES OF THE FOUR-ACES SYSTEM

ACE 3  
KING 2  
QUEEN 1  
JACK 1/2

TOTAL VALUE OF HAND

AVERAGE HAND 17 1/2

A novice would have taken the diamond finesse, but that would have lost to East's King and a spade return would then set the contract. But South who was no novice, realized the danger of letting East gain the lead. He therefore decided to make his two additional tricks in clubs, playing so as to keep East out of the lead.

At the second trick he led the Jack of hearts, overtaking with dummy's Queen. Then he returned the ten of clubs, letting it ride when East played low. Had the finesse lost, the rest of the club suit would have been enough for the contract. When it won, Declarer took another finesse, cashed the club Ace, and got back to dummy with the diamond Ace to take the remaining two clubs. The safe line of play produced ten tricks.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ Q J 10 8 4 2  
♥ J 10 3  
♦ A 4  
♣ 7 5

The bidding:

North South Jacoby Muter Von  
Pass 1NT Pass 1NT  
Pass 2NT Pass 1NT

ANSWER: Bid four spades. There must be a game in the cards, perhaps more. By showing your strength at this point, you make a mild Slam suggestion without getting past the game level. If you bid only three spades, you should make a Slam try later on; and your hand is not strong enough for a Slam try past the game level.

Score 100% for four spades, 70% for three spades.

### Question No. 720

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

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Pass 1NT Pass 1NT  
Pass 2NT Pass 1NT  
Pass 5♣ Pass 4♣

What do you bid? (Answer

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# UTTERED FORGED NOTES

Two year's hard labour was the sentence passed on Chan Pui, alias Lau Piu, by Mr. Justice Cressall at the Criminal Sessions this morning, when he pleaded guilty to uttering a forged \$10 Chartered Bank note on April 4 at Shamshuipo and with possession of a forged Chartered Bank \$10 note.

Yesterday, before the Chief Justice, defendant pleaded not guilty, but this morning, before the jury was empanelled, defendant said that there was no need as he wanted to change his plea. The charges were read to him again. He pleaded guilty to the first charge and, in reply to the second, said he would plead guilty provided he was allowed to say something.

Mr. Reynolds, Assistant Crown Counsel, said that defendant uttered a forged note to a medicine dealer on April 2. This was not noticed till some time later. Two days later, he tried to utter another. He was warned by a fuki of the shop, but after he had left the shop, he was chased and arrested by another fuki. At the Police Station, a third forged note was found on him.

Accused said that the notes were given to him by another man. He asked to be treated leniently.

## SPEEDING OFFENCES

Two Europeans were cautioned by Mr. H. C. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy this morning, for speeding in Queen's Road on May 8 and 9.

Accused were Mr. E. Grossman, of Messrs. Grossman and Company, No. 10, Ice House Street, and Mr. A. J. Stephen, of Messrs. A. S. Watson and Company.

They were alleged to have driven their cars at a speed of between 35 and 40 miles per hour in Queen's Road East.

In view of their good records, Mr. Sheldon cautioned them.

## GODOWN THEFT

The theft of \$1,400 worth of cotton yarn from the No. 7 Godown between 5 p.m. on Saturday and 7 a.m. on Sunday has been reported to the Police by Mr. C. P. Fallon, of the Kowloon Godowns.

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## CONVOY ATTACKER SURPRISED

The pilot of a German bomber had an unpleasant surprise one afternoon recently off the East Coast of Britain. He prepared to attack a convoy of ships. He carried out a dummy run and then turned to attack from the north end of the convoy.

Then, from out of the sun, two Spitfires came diving at him. The German pilot turned his machine away from the convoy in a steep dive and, riddled with bullets, made off home.

Describing the action, one of the pilots told how they positioned themselves at about 15,000 feet, where they could not be seen by the approaching enemy—a Dornier 17.

"As the bomber turned in to attack I cut him off," said the fighter pilot. "As I was about to attack the enemy pilot spotted me before I was quite within range and turned into a very steep dive away from the convoy. I gave him a 4-5 seconds burst, and then broke away to wait for a more favourable position. My companion then delivered his attack, and when the enemy levelled out at 3,000 feet, I attacked again. There was fairly strong rear gun fire, which became less accurate when I opened up at 200 yards, and finally stopped altogether. I saw my bullets going home and the raider's starboard undercarriage collapse."

The second Spitfire pilot said he gave two bursts from astern and starboard, and in his second attack opened fire at 300 yards, closing to 100 yards.

## "600TH" SOUVENIR

A TRANSPARENT SIGNET RING MADE FROM THE WINDSCREEN OF A ME.109, IS NOW WORN BY THE SPITFIRE PILOT WHO HELPED SHOOT DOWN A GERMAN FIGHTER, AND IN SO DOING BROUGHT HIS STATION'S "BAG" TO 600.

The Me. 109 crashed near the coast. The flight sergeant engaged on maintenance, who is a skilled handicraft worker cut a piece an inch square from the Messerschmidt's windscreen, which was about half an inch thick. He bored a hole with a red-hot poker, then carved the hole to fit the pilot's finger.

The pilot, who was awarded the D.F.O. soon after the shooting down of the Nazi, has had the motto "600th" carved on the inside of the ring.

# TEMPLE STREET RAID SEQUEL

At the Criminal Sessions this morning, Lam Yun-choi and Kwan Wan were sentenced to one year's imprisonment with hard labour by Mr. Justice P. E. F. Cressall for possession of a die and blocks resembling Government dies and blocks.

Both accused pleaded guilty yesterday when pleas were taken by the Chief Justice. Lam Yun, a woman accused, was found guilty by a jury and sentenced to four months' hard labour.

The jury was composed of Messrs. P. A. Walter (foreman), B. Poonwalla, J. Tanzy, W. C. Tillery, F. A. Gill, Chan Sun-ying and Lau Chi-chung.

Mr. J. Reynolds, Assistant Crown Counsel, was for the prosecution.

Mr. Reynolds said that at about 9.30 a.m. on April 16, Revenue Officer W. V. Ahern and a party of revenue officers, raided the second floor of No. 249, Temple Street. The door was opened and the officers entered the rear cubicle. A man was sitting on the bed operating a machine and the woman, also sitting on the bed, had near her a cardboard box with some small lead tubes stamped at one end with the letters H K.

When the officer entered the cubicle, the woman was holding some of the tubes and examining them. The room was searched and on a table was found a machine, six moulds and six blocks, and other tools. Under the bed the Revenue officers found another machine which could be used for sealing the tubes, and a press and dish containing lead and lead tubes.

The machine could provide a good imitation of the Government stamp for opium tubes.

The woman defendant, who denied all knowledge of the offence, said she was a street sleeper and had been offered a job as a cook.

## FALSE PRETENCES

A well-dressed Chinese, Tam Kai-cheung, described as a broker, was charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry, at the Central Magistracy this morning, with obtaining a radio gramophone pick-up by false pretences.

Accused pleaded not guilty, saying that he had permission from complainant's father and sister, to take away the radio gramophone pick-up.

It was alleged that accused went to the residence of complainant, Mr. Cheung Wah-leung, of the Bank of China, at No. 9, Breezy Terrace and removed the radio gramophone pick-up, valued at \$80, by pretending that he had permission to do so.

At the request of Detective Sergeant J. MacDonald, the case was adjourned to May 23.

## FEARED IT WAS A SIEGFRIED LINE

While the London blitz was at its height a man reported to a warden's post at Edmonton that a line of white linen was hanging out in the next door garden.

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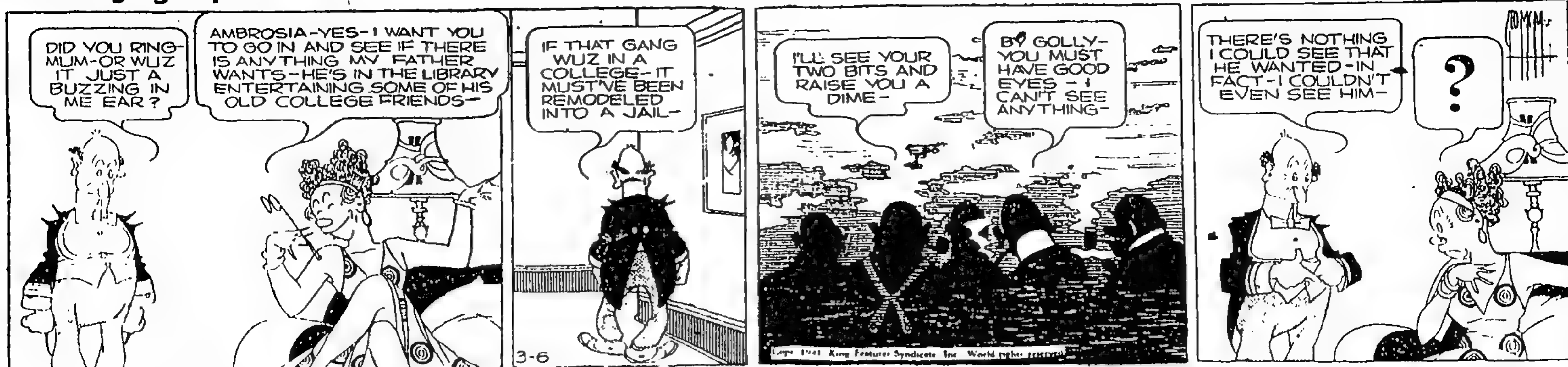
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## A PAGE FOR WOMEN

# It Happens To All Of Us

To-day I must make a confession: I forgot to practice what I preach and began to suffer for it!

About a month ago a great rush of work and social duties came along at the same time and I took no time out for beauty. I worked and I served, and I served and I worked, until one day I found myself on the verge of nervous tears for no reason at all. Then my secretary reproached me: "You are not doing what you ask your readers to do, Miss Lindsay," she said, "why don't you practice

what you preach?" You should relax and rest and get more exercise!"

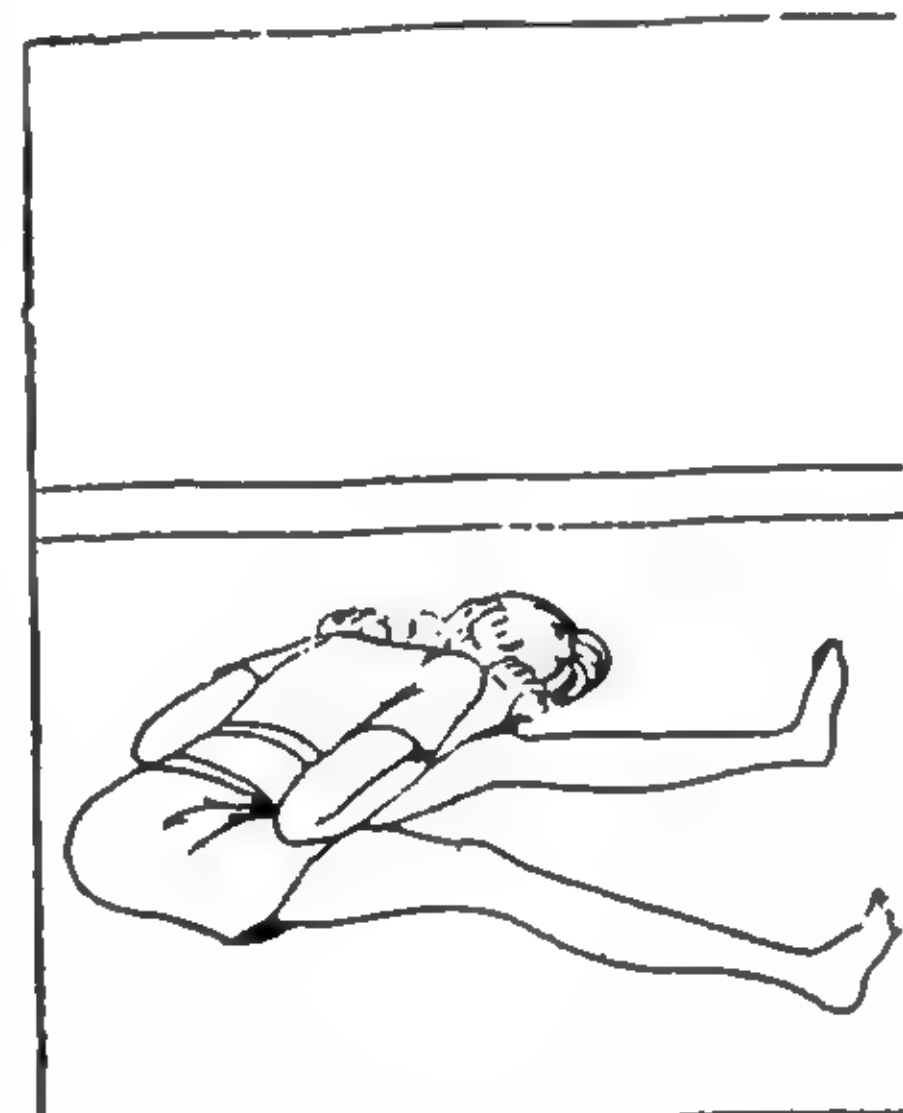
Well, you can imagine how changed I felt! My own words had turned into boomerangs. But it was a very good thing for I got on the phone and immediately promised the director of a famous New York salon that I would report every morning at nine o'clock for a good work-out. I, like most of you, can do better if someone stands over me with a stick! And she did!

I exercised to stretch out those working aches and to help my blood rush around where it was needed. The constant sitting at a desk or table had increased my hip measurement almost an inch so that had to come off too. Personally I get annoyed with myself if I do not keep in condition. I like to feel well and strong and capable and trim. That old fellow pride makes me toe the mark so my lapses such as the last are infrequent.

### My Programme

You readers might be interested in what I did with persistence every day for nearly three weeks.

I exercised from one half hour to three quarters of an hour on a mat every morning. After that session I had a half-hour body massage by hands which did not spare my feelings! Then a cooling shower and back to my home and duties. After luncheon I pulled myself away from my



A limbering exercise which Miss Lindsay did. Keeping knees and upper body straight stretch forward. It is difficult but good for one!

many tasks and went out to walk. If I did not have errands I invented them—but I did walk from one mile to three every day. The fresh air was good for me because when I returned my energy was revitalised so I could put in a few more hours of work.

During this time I ate as I always do—most sensibly. Many salads, fresh fruits and vegetables, milk, thin broths, little meat, no rich desserts or rich food of any kind. I found I needed whole grain cereal in the morning to create sufficient energy so I added that to my fruit juice and clear coffee.

Then I practiced saying "no" to people. "No, I can not accept your nice invitation, I am tired and must rest." That, my dears is the most difficult part of a re-conditioning programme. But at times we must learn to say "no" if we hope to relax and rest! Foot note—after three weeks I felt marvellous!



The mentally sketchy girlfriend says when her beau talks about taking life easy she can't help but wonder if he's lying down on the job.

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## SOUP... the Hurry-Up Hot Dish for LUNCH

Dorothy Greig

AN amusing thing about modern life is that soup, formerly a food that consumed hours of time to make, is now one that's ready for the table in just about nothing flat. Open the can, add an equal quantity of water or milk, heat—and there you are.



Philadelphia Pepper Pot Soup is a savory choice for a windy day.

At no time are modern soups more useful than for lunch. They provide the hot food the meal should have—and in a hurry. They are nourishing. And everybody enjoys comforting hot soup for the noon day meal.

The choice of soups is astonishing these days, too... smooth cream soups made by adding milk to pea, celery, asparagus or tomato; hearty stick-to-the-ribs meat and vegetable soups; spicy soups such as pepper pot; thin stimulating soups like consommé and bouillon.

Two or more soups can be combined, too, to furnish still other delicious flavors. For instance:

### Pepper Pot Potage

- 1 can condensed pea soup
- 1 can condensed tomato soup
- 1 can condensed pepper pot soup
- 2 cans milk, using soup can for measure

Combine the pea, tomato and pepper pot soups. Then add 2 cans of milk, using soup can for a measure. Heat, but do not boil. Serves 6-8.

Here's another for those with a taste for the unusual:

### Chicken Soup—Mulligatawny Style

- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 tablespoon flour
- 1 can milk or light cream (using soup can for measure)
- 1 can condensed chicken soup
- 1 can condensed tomato soup
- 1/2 teaspoon curry powder

Melt the butter in a saucepan, add the flour and cook until frothy, then add the cream and cook until thickened (this is a thin cream sauce). Add the chicken soup, tomato soup and curry powder and heat thoroughly, but do not boil. Serves 4-5.

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6.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.  
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6.32 p.m.—Dance Music.  
Fox-Trot—Ten Little Miles from Town; Slow Fox-Trot—They Say... Carroll Gibbons & the Savoy Hotel Orpheans. Fox-Trots—You're a Sweet Little Headache; I Have Eyes (both from film "Paris Honey-moon"). Geraldo & his Orch. Quick-Step—You must have been a Beautiful Baby; Tango—Romany Jack Harris & his Orchestra. Fox-Trots—Deep in a Dream; Nice People... Harry Roy & his Orch. Waltz—Three Green Bonnets... Dan Donovan & his Music.  
7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.  
7.15 p.m.—London Relay — "Questions of the Hour".  
7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Programme.  
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.  
8.02 p.m.—An Hour of Variety.  
Vocal Quartet — St. Louis Blues (Handy); I Heard (Redman)... The Four Crotchets with Guitar Vocal My Heart Belongs to Daddy (Porter)... Pat Kirkwood with Orchestra Xylophone and Vibraphone Running Around... Harry Robbins and The Four Bright Sparks Vocal Most Gentlemen Don't Like Love (Porter)... Pat Kirkwood with Orchestra Vibraphone Treachin'... Harry Robbins and The Four Bright Sparks Vocal Burlesque Sonny Boy (de Silva & Others); A Bird in a Gilded Cage (Lamb)... Jerry Colonna with Fud and his Fuddy Bears Organ Temptation Rag (Lodge)... Smash and Grab (Leach)... Donald Thorne Impersonations — Intro The Street Singer (Singing "Home"), George Robey; Sophie Tucker (Singing "Some of these days"); Eddie Cantor (Singing "Making Whoopee"); Billy Bennett Gogh (Singing "Marta")  
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9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.  
9.15 p.m.—"The Hops of a New World"—No. 4—"International Justice". Recorded talk by the Archbishop of York  
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Chanson Arabe (Rimsky-Korsakov, ar. by Kreisler); The Deluge—Prelude (Saint-Saens)... Toscha Seidel with piano accomp.  
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9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only)  
9.45 p.m.—Operatic Duets.  
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### SCHOOL ESCAPES

An escape by boys in a Clyde-side approved school is thought to have been engineered because they were anxious about their parents in a bombed area.  
A break of the entire school had apparently been planned, but only 22 boys got clear. Some have already been recaptured and the remainder are expected back in their quarters later.

## TALKING PIG TELLS OF CHINESE JUNE ATTACK ON S'HA1

CHINESE SOURCES reported that Shanghai's 5,000,000 Chinese residents are excitedly discussing the story of the talking pig who predicted that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's forces will attack the city next month.

The tale is heard everywhere, in streets, teahouses and buses — repeated by coolies, rickshamen, policemen, storekeepers and housewives.

The story goes like this:

A four-year-old pig, which hitherto exhibited only a normal porcine grunting ability, suddenly spoke up last week to the farmer who owned him and revealed that he was able to talk.

The pig promised important revelations if the farmer fed him 10 pounds of dates, a luxury of which he had dreamed throughout his life. The farmer, who was penniless but also obviously a convincing talker, persuaded a store clerk to give him the dates on credit.

After eating the fruit, the pig pronounced this prophecy:

"Chinese 'planes will bomb Shanghai in June, and troops will attack the city."

"Rice will rise to 200 dollars (mex) a bag, then drop to 20."

As he spoke the last words, the pig rolled over dead. Either the pig or the farmer was a first class psychologist, since the two things that the Chinese desire most is the recapture of Shanghai by their countrymen and a reduction in the rice price.

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England's Most Popular Best Seller, the Air Ministry's Account of the great days between August 8th and October 31st, 1940, has been secured by the "China Mail" for publication in serial form. It tells the story of one of the greatest battles in history, the more dramatic as it was fought high in the clouds over the Southern coast of England. Here is the second instalment of "THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN."

# THE OFFENSIVE IS LAUNCHED The Official Account

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In the first stage the enemy sent over massed formations of bombers escorted by similar formations of single and twin-engined fighters. Bombers were for the most part Ju. 87s (Dive-Bombers) with a smaller quantity of He. 111s, Do. 17s and Ju. 88s. Fighter escorts flew in large unwieldy formations from 5,000 to 10,000 ft. above the bombers where the protection they afforded was not very effective. Using these tactical formations the enemy made twenty-six attacks during this first stage. He began by renewing his assaults on our shipping. It may well be that this was still regarded as the most vulnerable form of target and easiest to attack, for not only are slow moving ships difficult to defend, but casualties among pilots of defence are always higher when actions are fought above water. He may also have wished to test the strength of our general defences. Success against these would augur well for the next stage. At any rate on the 8th August two convoys were fiercely attacked, one of them twice. Sixty enemy aircraft in the morning and more than a hundred soon after midday, deployed on a front of about twenty miles, tried to sink or disperse a convoy off the Isle of Wight. They succeeded in sinking two ships. In the afternoon at 4.15 more than 130 appeared above another convoy off Bournemouth. This they were able to disperse but they lost fairly heavily in doing so. The enemy renewed the assault three days later, choosing as his targets the towns of Portland and Weymouth as well as convoys in the Thames Estuary and off Harwich. In these attacks he relied greatly on dive-bombers which proved no match for our Hurricanes. Nevertheless, some damage was done both in Portland and Weymouth. This may have encouraged him, for on the 12th August, in the early morning, he launched about 200 aircraft in eleven waves against Dover. Shortly before noon, 150 more enemy planes attacked Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight. By this time, German losses were already very considerable, for 182 aircraft had been destroyed.

On the 13th and 15th attacks on Portsmouth were renewed and in some of them, notably that which began soon after 5 p.m. on the 15th between 300 and 400 aircraft were employed. The enemy was by now beginning to realise that our fighter force was considerably stronger than he had imagined. It was evidently time to take drastic action. Our fighters must be put out of commission. Therefore, while still maintaining his attacks on coastal towns, he sent large forces to deal with fighter aerodromes in South and South-East England: Dover, Deal, Hawkinge, Martlesham, Lympne, Middle Wallop, Kenley, Biggin Hill, were heavily attacked, some of them many times. A number of the enemy penetrated as far as Croydon.

## German Losses Run Into Hundreds Of Aircraft

Once more the Luftwaffe did a certain amount of damage but at a cost which even Goering must have regarded as excessive. On that day, 15th August, 180 German aircraft are known to have been destroyed. Since the opening of the battle, he had now lost 472 aircraft. Nevertheless, he still returned to the charge, throwing in between 500 and 600 aircraft on the 16th August and about the same number on the 18th. Rochester, Kenley, Croydon, Biggin Hill, Manston, Westmalling, Gosport, Northolt, Tangmere, were the main targets. His losses were again very heavy. On those two days 245 aircraft were shot down. One of them, a Heinkel 111 fell to a Sergeant-Pilot flying an un-

armed Anson aircraft of a Training Command. Whether he intentionally rammed the enemy will never be known, for both aircraft fell to the ground interlocked and there were no survivors. On the 18th August, in an evening attack on the Thames Estuary, one squadron alone of thirteen Hurricanes shot down, without loss, an equal number of the enemy in 50 minutes.

In ten days since the opening of the attack on the 8th August, Goering had now lost 697 aircraft. Our own losses during the same period were not light for we lost 153. Sixty pilots were safe though some of them were wounded. The pace was too hot to last. Goering called a halt and gave his Luftwaffe a rest which lasted for five days.

What had he hoped to achieve? Examination of the attacks shows he began by trying to destroy shipping and ports on the South East and South coasts between North Foreland and Portland. This preliminary test must have shown him the strength of our defences. Nevertheless, he proceeded with his plan and next directed his attention to Portland and Portsmouth. Whether these objectives were too tough for him or whether he thought four heavy attacks upon them had accomplished his object, he turned away to deliver assaults on Fighter and Bomber Aerodromes, mostly near the coast. Throughout this first stage the tactics he followed were usually to open his attack on objectives near the coast in order to draw off our fighters. These feint attacks were followed thirty or forty minutes later by the real attack delivered against ports or aerodromes on the South Coast between Brighton and Portland.

The chief problem created by these tactics was to have sufficient number of fighters ready to engage the main attack as soon as it could be picked off. Squadrons at forward aerodromes had to be in instant readiness but had at the same time to be protected from bombing or machine-gun attacks. Only on one occasion was a squadron machine-gunned while refuelling at a forward aerodrome and this happened because the protective patrol had not been maintained overhead during the process.

Generally, the enemy attacks were countered by using about half the available squadrons to deal with enemy fighters and the rest to attack the enemy bombers which flew normally at from 11,000 to 15,000 ft. descending frequently to 7,000 or 8,000 ft. in order to drop their bombs. Our fighter tactics at this stage were to deliver attacks from astern on Me.109s, Me.110s. This type of attack proved effective because these aircraft were not then armoured. The success of our fighter tactics at this stage can be gauged by comparison between our losses in pilots and those of the enemy—ratios about seven to one and they might have been even more striking if so much of the fighting had not taken place over the sea.

## Attack On Inland Aerodromes

Between the end of the first stage and the active beginning of the second, there was, as has been said, an interval of five days which were spent by the Germans in widespread reconnaissance by single aircraft some of which indulged in spasmodic bombing of aerodromes. These operations cost them 39 aircraft shot down. Our losses were ten aircraft, but six pilots were saved.

During this lull, Goering evidently decided that a change of objectives was necessary. Perhaps he thought that he had achieved the necessary results and that Portsmouth, together with our

coastal aerodromes, were virtually out of action. Perhaps he was under the impression that inland aerodromes, factories and other industrial targets would not be as stoutly defended. It is more probable, however, that he merely gave the order for the second part of the plan to be put into operation and disregarded the failure of the first part—either deliberately or because he had no alternative. In this next stage diversionary attacks against different parts of the country became less frequent. The main attacks were now delivered on a wider front. The enemy's tactics were also changed. The number of escorting fighters was increased and the size of bomber formations reduced. The covering fighter screen flew at very great heights. Enemy bomber formations were also protected by a box of fighters, some of which flew slightly above the flank or in the rear, others slightly above and ahead and yet others, weaving in and out between and under the formations of bombers. This type of formation succeeded on several occasions in breaking through the forward screens of our fighter forces by sheer weight of numbers and attaining their objectives even after numerous casualties had been inflicted. On other occasions smallish formations of enemy long range bombers deliberately left their fighter escort as soon as it had joined battle and proceeded towards South or South-West London unaccompanied. They suffered heavy casualties when engaged by our rear rank of fighters.

Having thus altered his tactical formations, the enemy proceeded to deliver some 35 major attacks between the 24th August and 5th September. His object, as has been said, was to put out of action inland fighter aerodromes and aircraft factories. He did not, however, disdain purely residential districts in Kent, Thames Estuary and Essex. These could in no case be described as of military importance.

## 800 Aircraft Attack Fighter Aerodromes

From the 24th to the 29th August, he still showed interest in Portland, Dover and Manston, all of which were heavily attacked. He added other targets as well. Several areas in Essex came in for attention. There was fierce fighting over the North Foreland, Gravesend and Deal. At 6.45 p.m. on the 24th, 110 German bombers and fighters met a number of our squadrons in the neighbourhood of Maidstone but turned and fled before they could be engaged.

The next day he returned to Portsmouth and Southampton where, once again he achieved no success. The main attack, delivered at 4 p.m., went astray. A large number of bombs fell into the sea. Heavy assaults were also made in the Dover and Folkestone area and above the Thames Estuary and Kent. These continued with a lull of one day until the 30th August. That day and the next the assault was switched to inland fighter aerodromes. 800 aircraft were used in a most determined effort to destroy or temporarily put out of use the aerodromes at Kenley, North Weald, Hornchurch, Debden, Lympne, Detling, Duxford, Northolt and Biggin Hill.

The opening of September showed little, if any, falling off in the assaults of the enemy. There were three heavy attacks on the 1st September. Five on the 2nd, one on the 3rd, two on the 4th and 5th. One of the attacks on the 2nd got to within ten miles of London, but most of them were once again directed against fighter aerodromes. This was the last of 35 main attacks delivered in this phase. They cost the German

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562 aircraft known to have been destroyed. Our own losses were 219 aircraft, but 132 of our pilots were saved.

During these twelve days, our own tactical dispositions were altered so as to meet the changed form of attack. The effect of this was to cause the enemy to be met in greater strength and farther away from his inland objectives, while such of his aircraft as were successful in eluding this forward defence were dealt with by squadrons farther in the rear.

The heavy task of the defence can be realised by the fact that in these first two phases, this great battle from the 8th August, 5th September inclusive, no fewer than 4,523 fighter patrols, of varying strength in aircraft, were flown in daylight—an average of 150 daily.

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# LARGE AND SMALL UNITS BASEBALL LEAGUES MOOTED

## Corporals Beat Sergeants In Annual Hockey Game

### ARMY TEAMS NOMINATED FOR TENNIS LEAGUE

By "Squaddy"

LAST FRIDAY Middlesex Regiment (The Duke of Cambridge's Own) celebrated their famous battle honour "Albuhera" which was fought on the heights of Albuhera on May 16, 1811.

As is the custom of the Regiment, it was celebrated in true "Diehards" style. They received the name of "Diehards" through this battle when their commanding officer, Col. Inglis, rallied his men together by shouting "Die Hard My Men, Die Hard" and he shouted this as he was mortally wounded.

They commenced the day with the Band and Drums beating Reveille.

This year the only sporting event was that of the Inter-Me-sis a side hockey which was won early by the Corporals' Mess who defeated Sergeants in the final by three clear goals.

In the previous rounds, the Privates lost to the Corporals 4-0, and the Sergeants beat the Officers 5-0.

During the morning the Sergeants entertained the Officers in their mess, and during the evening the gesture was reversed.

#### BASEBALL

IN future Baseball will have a great influence in the Army stationed in the Colony, and as we already know, a stand is being erected on the Chatham Road ground for this purpose.

This is being done to encourage baseball in the Army and give baseball a good start to get on a proper basis, such as football and other sporting events in the Colony.

Royal Engineers, who are the only baseball team from the Army, are not doing so bad and it will be a good form of sport for Army and the best individual

other Units to follow them. They have a fairly good team and have plenty of followers.

It might be a good idea if a League was started for Large and Small Units. This proposition has already been suggested and we would very much like to see it carried out.

#### ATHLETICS

A VERY successful afternoon was had at Caroline Hill on Sunday at the Athletic meeting between Chinese and Army which resulted in a win by ten points for the latter.

This was the first time that such a meet has been run and although Army won nine events out of twelve they were given a good run by their opponents.

Chinese did better than Army in the Pole Vault, their first string Chu Fuk-shing did very well to clear over 10ft. 5ins. The Army first string cleared 10ft. 2ins.

The High Jump was well below the standard and did not come up to the standard of the Army Athletic meeting held two weeks ago. The Chinese won by one

The Discus was won by the

#### CHALLENGE BOWLS MATCH

It is learned that a challenge lawn bowls match will be played at Chatham Road on Sunday between Kowloon Football Club and a team representing Hong Kong Soft-ball Association.

throw was that of Pte Lever who threw 43.79 metres. This was 113ft. 1 1/2 ins. and not as good as his previous throw in the Command sports.

Lever also had the best individual throw for the Javelin with 48.43 metres (157ft. 5 1/2 ins.).

The Chinese best throw was that of Lo Shin-shek with 41.53 metres (135ft. 1 1/2 in.).

In the long distance runs the Indian personnel of the Army team were much too good for the Chinese and had the first four competitors in both runs.

In the hurdles Army were well extended and it was only for the fine jumping of Capt. Skipwith in the last take over that they managed to win by a few feet.

The 1,600 metres race was also a tight race with the Chinese taking the lead twice but could not just make the last stretch.

In this race L/Cpl. Cox (Middlesex) ran well, as also Pte Goodair who has run for the Battalion on and off for a good number of seasons. I am told that this would be the last season that Cox would be running for the Battalion.

#### TENNIS

THE Army teams for the Second and Third Division for the Hong Kong Lawn Tennis League are as follows:—

2nd Division  
Cpl. L. A. Newnham, M.C.,  
Capt. R. E. Guest, Capt. C. H. R. Hyde and Lieut. T. A. Pearce.  
3rd Division  
Sgt. Denyer, Sgt. Webb, Sgt. Murray and S/Sgt. Mewson.



### HOME SOCCER FIXTURES

The following are Home Football fixtures for May 24:—

#### London Cup

Millwall	v	Arsenal
Aldershot	v	Crystal Palace
Brentford	v	Reading
Cardiff City	v	Portsmouth
Fulham	v	Southend
Tottenham	v	Leicester
Walsall	v	Nottingham Forest
Watford	v	Queen's Park Rangers
Westham	v	Chelsea

#### North Regional League

Blackpool	v	Preston
Everton	v	North End
Manchester City	v	Sheffield United
Sheffield City	v	Sheffield
York City	v	Wanderers
	v	Middlesbrough

#### Regional Match

Chesterfield	v	Stoke City
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### SOME PECULIAR SITUATIONS IN FOOTBALL SEEN

FOOTBALL HAS BEEN responsible for some peculiar situations this season, the least odd being the award of a cup tie to Barnsley this season, because of their higher league position, compared with Grimsby Town, their opponents in an undecided tie. Then there is the Selhurst Park incident with referee and both teams leaving the field, only to return and continue from where they left off following a difference of opinion, writes a Home Correspondent.

### GOLDMAN PLAYS WELL: FIRST LEAGUE TENNIS MATCH

The League tennis season for 1941 made an inauspicious start yesterday, only match of the First Division fixtures that was completed being the H.K.C.C.-K.C.C. game which was won by the visitors in a steady drizzle culminating in a down-pour.

Both teams are to be commended for completing the fixture which, under the circumstances, might quite justifiably have been postponed.

The standard yesterday was poor, which is not very surprising, and only player who did not seem to be unduly affected was "Lollie" Goldman, who, in his first match since his return from leave, was in a class by himself.

Monaghan and Gould only just lost a vital set against Guest and Grose as they were leading 4-1, 5-2, only to lose 5-7. In their final set also, this pair were leading Burnett and Crawford by 5 games to 2, when Monaghan broke his glasses and, as the result of the match was not affected, the set was not completed.

K.C.C. were without Grav, who was indisposed, and F. Kengelbacher, who partnered Ernie Pincher, deputised.

L. Goldman and M. Pash (H.K.C.C.) beat E. F. Fincher and F. Kengelbacher 6-1, 6-2.  
A. E. P. Guest and F. Grose beat A. Crawford and G. C. Burnett 6-2, 6-2.  
T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould (H.K.C.C.)

lost to Fincher and Kengelbacher 6-3, lost to Guest and Grose 7-5, led Burnett and Crawford 5-2, C. H. R. Oxlade and A. H. Barwell (H.K.C.C.)

lost to Fincher and Kengelbacher 6-2, lost to Guest and Grose 6-2, lost to Burnett and Crawford 6-3.

#### TO-DAY'S TENNIS PROGRAMME

Following is to-day's "B" Division Tennis League programme:

K.C.C. v A.T.C.  
K.C.C. v C.S.C.C.  
C.R.C.—Liang Sai-wah and Pang Oi-lam; Choy Ping-fun and Ng Kam-chuen; Wong Siu-wing and Luk Ting-cheong.  
K.O.C.—A. E. P. Guest and F. Groves; F. Zimmern and R. T. Broadbridge; N. A. E. Mackay and R. S. Capell.

The match between South China and Kowloon Tong had been postponed, owing to the unfitness of the ground of the home team.

Another strange football happening was seen in a Rugby League game. Though unconnected with Soccer, it does recall perhaps the strangest happening of all. The Rugby League encounter concerned Huddersfield and Castleford who drew a cup tie. Some of the Castleford men would not stay for extra time, owing to war time duties. Huddersfield, with no opposition, scored a try which was converted and were allowed to count the five points which enabled them to proceed to the next round.

#### Parallel In Ireland

The parallel to this case occurred in Ireland some years ago when a team did not arrive for a match. A rule ordained that, to get the points, the team present, in the absence of one side, must score a goal. So the eleven players duly turned out, the forwards dribbled towards goal and one of them shot hard—but not true. The ball sailed wide. With no opposition there was nobody to take the goal-kick, and so the game had to be left drawn.

The Selhurst Park trouble arose over a penalty which Brentford objected to. After a little argument the referee left the field and the players followed. Discussions ensued, with the referee threatening appropriate action but, after fifteen minutes, all went back to the field. The penalty was taken and converted, and the game ended in a 5-0 win for Palace.

A sequel is almost certain because the referee will have to make a full report of the incident to the appropriate authorities. Crystal Palace do not appear to be at fault but, unfortunately, it was the third time this season that there had been an "incident" on their ground.

#### Grimsby Remembers

Grimsby are not likely to forget their fate in the cup, when Barnsley were given the tie because of a superior league record. Grimsby, in an endeavour to secure amends, suggested that they should take a share of the gates of Barnsley's third round ties, and there seemed bright hopes of this state of affairs prevailing until Barnsley said "No!"

The latest hint, however, is that the League may be asked to consider the case. It certainly seems the right thing to do because Grimsby were not beaten in the cup game. Sheer bad luck, and the strangest of decisions by the powers that be, ordained that they had been eliminated. A good run in the cup, with consequent income from attendances, is more necessary in these days than ever, and compensation in the way of a "gate" share, will not completely heal the wound, but it will ease the pain.

#### FIRST DIVISION MATCH

Recreio will meet South China at King's Park in a First Division match postponed from yesterday.

#### MATCH POSTPONED

The tennis match between K.C.C. and C.S.C.C. has been postponed owing to the weather.



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## "BABY" JOCKEY GOES BACK TO SCHOOL

Edward Mumford, "baby" among National Hunt riders, has had his path to fame as a jockey cut short unexpectedly, writes a correspondent from London.

After he had ridden so well in a hurdle race at Cheltenham on his first appearance in public, the boy was taken in hand by Fred Fox, the ex-jockey and on his recommendation Fred Templeman decided to take the boy as an apprentice at his Lambourn stable.

Since then two events have happened. First Eddie has had his thirteenth birthday, and second, the education authorities have got on his track.

### Wanted At School

This is what his father, Mr. George Mumford, an amateur rider and a butcher at Culworth, near Banbury, told a reporter recently at Southwell.

"Eddie went to Lambourn, and each morning for a week he rode out twice. He went to school in the afternoon. Then the education authorities informed Mr. Templeman the boy must attend school in the morning as well as the afternoon.

As he could not do that and carry out his work as well, I decided to have him back at Culworth to continue his studies at the village school until he is 14.

"It is a great pity, because he had been promised rides by a number of trainers. Possibly I shall take out a licence to train myself so that I can have the boy's indentures."

So Eddie, who had his second ride in public on River Fox has now to bend his head over his lessons for nearly another year.

## MISS HARDWICK TO APPLY FOR REINSTATEMENT AS AMATEUR

NO DIFFICULTIES are presented when a sportsman, or sportswoman, decides to change from amateurism to professionalism; the trouble begins when he, or she, desires to return to the amateur ranks.

The question comes to mind when considering the case of Miss Mary Hardwick, who changed her status, towards the close of 1940, and began a tour with Miss Alice Marble, W. T. Tilden and Don Budge.

Miss Hardwick has, incidentally, won a second victory over Miss Marble, the Wimbledon and American title-holder. This was at Hohake (Arizona) where after losing the first set 5-7, she ran out with 6-3 8-6 to take the match.

### Reinstatement Wanted

It has been stated that Miss Hardwick will apply for reinstatement as an amateur after the war and should this occur her case would, naturally, receive every consideration.

Miss Hardwick, shortly after changing her status, explained her own point of view very clearly. It was noteworthy that, when she gave an interview, she spoke, not

so much of the tennis she would play but of the use to which her services as a professional could be put.

"It was hard to give up my amateur standing," she said, "you can understand what that sort of thing means to a family like mine. But I don't want to be just a useless refugee. It is the only way I have of making any money and the only way I can contribute to the British war fund. I've been working a lot with the Bundles for Britain committee, but I wanted to contribute directly. First I had to persuade my family; that was not easy; finally they understood. My brothers were the worst, they're not much more than schoolboys really, although they're fighting. The family wanted me to stay in the country (America) but they couldn't send me money. In every single town, I'm going to meet with the Bundles for Britain Committee. Maybe I'll make speeches that will help the cause; I'd like to. I won't mind the

travelling and playing so often because I'll know that every night some of the money is going into the war fund."

### To Bring Family

"When the war is over," added Miss Hardwick, "I'm going to bring my family out here for a holiday. They won't have any money by then and that would be wonderful. They must see this country where everybody has been so nice to me."

Later Miss Hardwick said that she had told Mr. Holcombe Ward, President of the United States L.T.A., that she would continue to play with the same spirit as if they were all Wightman Cup matches, and that it had always been that way.

She has certainly maintained that promise for her matches with Miss Marble have been fought, not like exhibition games, but as though she were battling on the Wimbledon centre court in the final of the championship.

### Kalogropoulos Reinstated

A few months ago the question of restoring amateur status occurred with A. Kalogropoulos, of Greece, who for eighteen months in 1933/34 was a professional, and was then reinstated.

An application last year to play in an American tournament was refused because of his one time professionalism and he took the matter further with satisfactory results.

He was wrongly informed that there was a clause in the rules that "once having been a professional he could never be classed as amateur again." That is wrong, because there is a law which says, "persons only who have never lost, abandoned or recovered their status as amateurs shall be eligible to compete...." (c), and it is those three words "recovered their status," which prove that amateurism can be regained.

# PLANS LAID BY AAU TO AID U.S. DEFENCE

## BOWLS TEAMS

Following clubs have selected their lawn bowls teams for Saturday:--

H.K.F.C.  
W. E. Macfarlane, E. L. Groome, F. E. Barton and L. de Rome (Skip), A. P. Tarbuck, J. R. Way, C. E. Gahagan and J. R. Sloan (Skip), A. F. Paul, W. Stoker, A. G. Hart and J. F. Lamb, (Skip), Reserve: W. Stonehouse.

## GOLF COMPETITIONS

Results in the Adamson Cup Golf competition played recently were:

### FIRST ROUND

W. Stoker (15) beat G. W. Reeve (11) 5 and 4, A. E. Clarke (11) beat S. T. Butlin 1 hole.

### SEMI-FINAL

Stoker beat G. E. Willerton (12) 3 and 2; Clarke beat F. Buckle (12) 4 and 3.

First round results of the Junior Section Championship were:

W. J. Buller beat A. L. Powell; W. V. Ahern beat R. M. Keown; J. Young beat D. W. Beeken; H. Smith beat T. B. Low.

The Stableford Competition was cancelled owing to insufficient entries.

## BASEBALL MEETING TO-DAY

The annual meeting of the H.K. Baseball League will be held to-day at 6 p.m. at the Texaco Company. Business will include the election of officers and the fixing of the opening date for the official season.

ONE OF THE greatest efforts ever made in the name of physical fitness is surely that of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States. They pledged to the President of the United States full and complete cooperation in connection with civilian physical preparedness as an aid to National Defence.

It is easy to make pledges, but difficult to keep them, but the manner in which the A.A.U. have started their task suggests that there need be no fear of their pledge being broken.

A plan calculated to stimulate interest has been submitted to the 41 district associations which supervise sports throughout the 48 States. Divisions in outlying districts are being formed, each with local autonomy, and as many of them will function in areas which have hitherto been undeveloped so far as the pursuit of athletic sport is concerned, there are likely to be thousands of newcomers to organised athletics, a point which must help in the fitness of the nation.

### Thousands To Learn

By preaching and teaching in every section of the vast continent thousands of young people will, perhaps for the first time, be taught the advantages of wholesome competitive athletics.

When considering the vast expanse of the United States it will not be easy to complete the anticipated scheme, but progress already made spells success.

While there is still no news of the Amateur Athletic Association in Great Britain, making any big plans for the Summer, the ruling body is not idle.

### Championships In June

Southern junior championships have been fixed for June at the Polytechnic Stadium, at Chiswick, a venue that may prove very popular for sporting events this Summer.

While it is good to know that the A.A.A. is still in existence there is still awaited news of any proposed meeting of front rank importance this Summer. Difficulties in getting the cooperation of the Service sports associations do not appear likely and there would seem to be every opportunity of having a real good war-time championship meeting, or an "Allied Games."

### Track Meet Played

Several of the clubs are doing their best to keep track sports alive, and if any of them were to stage a meeting and get Sydney Wooderson there to attack his mile record, it would, without doubt, show that there is a pulse for track racing.

An attack on his mile record of 4 mins. 6.4 secs by Wooderson is not just wishful thinking. He has stated that he is ready for such an attack. Throughout the winter Wooderson has been running in cross-country events which have kept him fit. He admits this and, on the eve of the cross-country season's closing, says "from now I will concentrate on the mile."

This comment was passed after he had finished fifth in the Southern Counties race, the feature of which was not so much Wooderson being relegated to fifth place as it was the defeat of C. T. Carter. Wooderson never has intimated that he is a cross-country champion; rather he has often said that he undertook this form of sport to keep in trim.

Carter has been the most successful man across country this season. In ten successive races he beat all opposition but then came his set back in the Southern. There were excuses, however, but not from Carter. He had been forced to cry off from an earlier event owing to a pulled muscle and the effect of this was obvious. Even so Carter might have won but for misjudging the course of 7½ miles at one point. He ran extremely well and, at the finish, was only a few yards behind R. G. Gosney.

## VETERANS' SHOOT

The Hong Kong Special Guard Company "Hughes Group" held their first Rifle meeting at Kowloon City Range on Sunday. As this was the first time that some of the members have had a chance to fire a Service rifle since 1914-1918, the results were very satisfactory.

At the close of the meet, a competitive detail match was held, which resulted in two details of eight members each scoring a total of 115. The winning detail was decided when Mr. Langston and Mr. Rosecoe shot it out, and the result was an overwhelming victory for the latter.

## JUNIOR CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

Six games in the Colony Junior Chess Championship were completed during the past week, and 21 remain to be played before the Tournament will be closed.

The most important game of the week in the Tournament was started but had to be adjourned with Briukoff holding an advantage of a pawn over To Yu-lau.

A win for Briukoff will almost assure him of the Junior Chess Championship.

The week's results were:--R. C. Gardner beat E. M. Petrov, Un Kwai-yung beat J. Tausz, R. C. Gardner drew with Un Kwai-yung, A. Kurrik beat Wm. Lee, R. C. Danenberg beat J. Grefalda and A. Morton beat J. H. d'Almeida.

## WAH YAN OLD BOYS' SPORTS

The Wah Yan Past Students' Association will hold its fourth annual sports meeting at Caroline Hill on Sunday at 10.30 a.m.

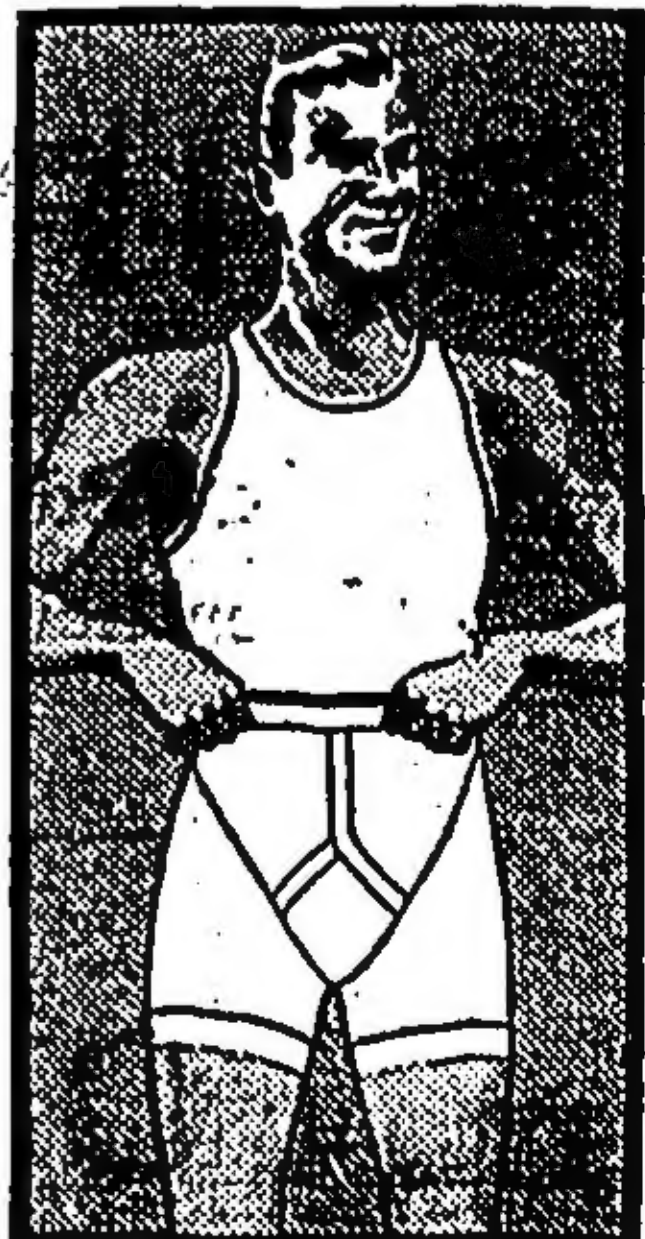
The programme is: Long Jump, "B" Grade 50-metres, "A" Grade 100 metres, Shot Put, High Jump, Little Visitors' Race, 50 metres race (for women workers of the Wah Yan War Relief Association), "A" Grade 200 metres, Obstacle race, Tag of War (Old Boys v Present Boys), Football Match (Old Boys v Present Boys), 400-metres relay (Open to the Colony).



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# CROWNING TRIUMPH FOR GEN. CUNNINGHAM

## Fall Of Amba Alagi Virtually Ends Campaign

### CRITICAL STAGE REACHED

The critical stage has now been reached where American supplies to the battlefields must be safeguarded, says the "Stockholm Dagensnyheter."

The U.S. Navy and Air Force must intervene, and it is only a question of what form the intervention will take.

One must assume that the President is now preparing public opinion for convoys.

A bridge of vessels across the Atlantic makes the danger of hostilities between the Axis and the U.S.A. imminent.

The German press has been very reserved in its treatment of American affairs.

Hitler's recent speech revealed that Germany now admits the importance of American help and the German press has now suddenly abandoned its caution and is describing President Roosevelt as really responsible for the war. — Reuter.

### NAZI BOMBERS KEEP ON GROUND

Only a few hostile aircraft were reported over Britain, mostly over coastal districts, up to a late hour last night.

It appeared unlikely that a large-scale attack would develop anywhere. — Reuter.

## Power Of Offensive Broken

**THE COLLAPSE OF ITALIAN RESISTANCE AT AMBA ALAGI AND THE SURRENDER OF THE DUKE OF AOSTA MEANS THE PRACTICAL TERMINATION OF THE ABYSSINIAN CAMPAIGN.**

Reuter's diplomatic correspondent learns there are still a few scattered pockets where small bodies of Italians are holding out but their power of offensive has been completely broken and they can be safely left to be dealt with at leisure by the Patriot forces.

The forces which will be liberated as a result of these very successful operations are not inconsiderable and may have a decisive influence not only on the war which is being waged in the Libyan desert but on operations against Iraq and Syria.

The magnificent services in Abyssinia of the South African Air Force have proved the quality and skill of these fighters and bombers and they will be especially welcome at the present juncture, when there are distinct indications of a turn in the tide in Libya.

It seems to have reached high water mark at Sollum and not to have made any further inroads

at Tobruk, rather the reverse if anything.

It is yet too early to forecast where Germany will attempt to exercise the greatest pressure.

### "Flying Bridge"

There is no evidence that large forces are being sent via Syria. A number of troops and planes have been rushed to Iraq but it will not be easy to build up a substantial force, especially one with striking powers, by aeroplanes alone.

Although the Germans have boasted of their "flying bridge" to Tripoli, it is physically impossible for them to have conveyed by air heavy tanks such as have appeared in Cyrenaica. It becomes increasingly evident that they must have been sent across with French connivance. — Reuter.

## SHAUKIWAN JUNK EXPLOSION

Eight Chinese were severely burned last night when an explosion occurred in the hold of a junk at Shaukiwan and set the boat on fire.

A 16-year-old lad escaped unhurt, being in a sampan alongside the junk when the explosion occurred.

The men were originally the crew of a junk which left Swatow with a cargo for Hong Kong last week.

On Friday they took to a sampan and abandoned their junk when a Japanese armed trawler was observed approaching. Drifting in the sampan for almost two days, they saw a large junk in the distance near San Mun Customs Station, found it deserted and decided to sail it to Hong Kong, arriving late yesterday afternoon at Shaukiwan.

Before making a report to the Police, the men started to cook a meal and about an hour later the explosion occurred in the hold. The Police are investigating.

### NO REPRISALS BY VICHY EXPECTED

The Berlin correspondent of the Madrid newspaper "Alcazar" reports that it is not expected in Berlin that the Vichy Government will take reprisals for the British bombing of Syrian aerodromes. It is felt, however, that Petain and Darlan are studying what are termed "protective measures." — Reuter.

### YUGOSLAVIAN CABINET MEETING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

King Peter of Yugoslavia presided over a meeting of his Cabinet yesterday somewhere in the Middle East.

Important discussions have been taken, it was later announced. — International News Service.

## SHOOTING OUTRAGE

The business centre of the International Settlement, Shanghai, was thrown into an uproar at 1.45 p.m. to-day, when Zau Ka-fu, member of the Nanking-sponsored Gold Bar Exchange, was shot dead by a lone gunman who fired five shots.

Zau was hit in the head and died instantly, but the gunman was caught by the police.

Many foreigners and Chinese, going to office, had narrow escapes. — Reuter.

### UNITED STATES ON THE VERGE OF "TREMENDOUS DECISION"

(Continued from Page 1)

IT IS BELIEVED THERE WILL BE NO DECLARATION OF WAR BECAUSE OF THE NEED FOR CONGRESS ACTION, AND CONGRESS IS NOT READY FOR SUCH A STEP.

### Japan's "Warning"

A warning that Japan will discharge her treaty obligations towards her Axis partners if the United States enters the European conflict was yesterday sounded by the Tokyo newspaper "Asahi Shinbun."

The "Kokumin Shinbun" said that the United States must expect the Japanese Navy to maintain her vigilance over the Pacific in case the United States enters the European war.

Referring to Japan's obligations to the Axis, the "Kokumin" said that Japan will take time to decide her course even if the United States declares war on Germany.

Naturally, said the paper, Japan will aid her allies, with or without an American declaration of war—whether or not Japan will exchange a declaration of war, continues the paper, is a matter of secondary importance. — International News Service.

### MADRID AND DUKE'S SURRENDER

Fair prominence was given in the Madrid press yesterday to the surrender of the Duke of Aosta and his troops, particularly in the newspaper "Informaciones," which prints large headlines above the news. — Reuter.

## CHINESE TRIBUTE TO PREMIER

With 52,000 signatures attached, a telegram from Chinese residents in Shanghai to Mr. Winston Churchill expressing respect, sympathy and strong determination to fight for the common cause of the two nations, is expected to be handed over to the British authorities in Shanghai for despatch to London.

The telegram and signatures have already been elaborately mounted by the sponsors of the movement, namely the "Chinese-American Daily," one of the leading pro-Chungking dailies in Shanghai, and there may be a public exhibition of the artistically prepared document before it is despatched.

The document is reported to measure three feet in width and 30 feet in length and covered with the signatures and red seals of famous people from all walks of life.

It also contains many complimentary phrases written by the signatories in appreciation of the British leader and people.

The telegram itself is written by a well-known calligraphist. — Reuter.

## STOP PRESS

The Tokyo "Kokumin Shinbun" this morning gave prominence to an article asserting that the continuation of military drives in China was the only way open for Japan to attain a satisfactory solution of the China Affair.

The paper warned that many great difficulties still lie ahead and admonished the Japanese against misinterpretations of statements by Mr. Kumamoto Honda, Japanese Ambassador to Nanking, and his recent interview.

Also, the paper recalled the statement by General Shunroku Hata, the new Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese Expeditionary Forces in China, shortly after his arrival in Nanking, in which he said "the war has only begun," and called upon the home front to prepare for all the sacrifices needed for a sustained struggle. — Reuter.



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